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DEATHLOK, REALLY AN AGED AND TRANSFORMED MILES MORALES, TRAVELED FROM THE FUTURE TO THE PRESENT TO PROTECT THE TIMESTREAM. WHEN HE OPENED A TIME PORTAL, IT ENGULFED ELEKTRA, CLOAK, DAGGER, BLACK KNIGHT, ANTI-VENOM AND WEAPON H, TRANSPORTING THEM ALL TO THE DISTANT PAST.

DEATHLOK EVENTUALLY WORKED ALONGSIDE THE HEROES TO SURVIVE. WHEN DEATHLOK OPENED A NEW PORTAL, THE HEROES HOPED THEY'D FINALLY FOUND THEIR WAY HOME...ONLY TO EMERGE IN THE YEAR 2099 AND BE ATTACKED BY JAKE GALLOWS, A.K.A. THE PUNISHER OF 2099!

# SAVAGE AVENGERS

## ESCAPE FROM NUEVA YORK


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# SiX

NEW YORK CITY. 2022.
LET ME GUESS--YOU DREW THE SHORT STRAW FOR LAB DUTY TONIGHT?
YEAH--FEELS LIKE LATE NIGHTS ARE PART OF THE ALCHEMAX BENEFITS PACKAGE THESE DAYS.
JUST BE GRATEFUL YOU WEREN'T PART OF THE MADBOMB GROUP--DID YOU SEE THOSE RIOTS ON THE NEWS?
BRRR.
TELL ME ABOUT IT--I HEAR THE RECLAMATIONS TEAM DIDN'T SLEEP FOR DAYS AFTERWARD.
RESTRICTED ACCESS GRANTED.
HONESTLY, IT CREEPS ME OUT...THE ARTIFACT THEY FOUND IN THE WRECKAGE.
LIKE... WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK IT IS?
OH, I'D ASSUMED THAT PART WAS OBVIOUS...
IT'S THE FUTURE.

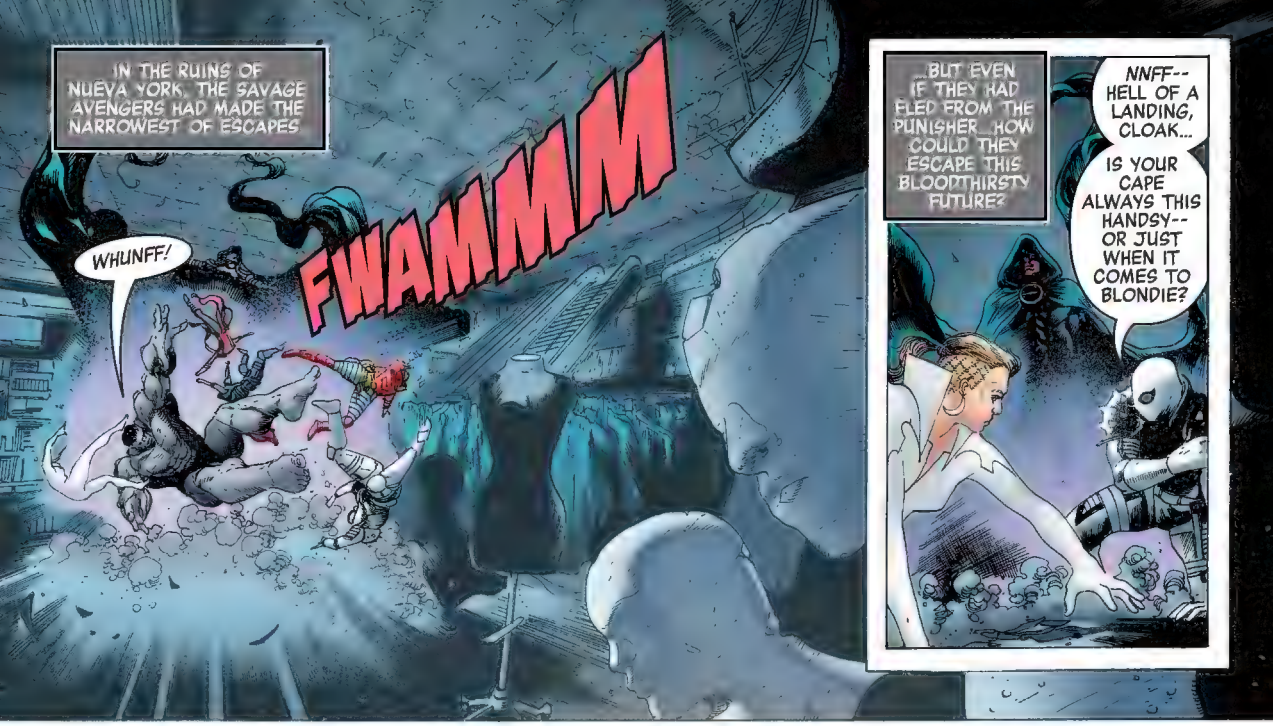
NUEVA YORK...
...IN THE YEAR 2099.
FREEZE, BITHEADS!
MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED.
THIS IS YOUR ONLY WARNING!
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND...
FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN INSTANT TERMINATION!

...MANY OTHERS HAVE REMAINED DISTURBINGLY THE SAME.
DEAD OR ALIVE-- YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!
CLOAK
Tyrone Johnson.
Darkforce-manipulating teleporter.
WEAPON H
Clay Cortez.
Hulk/Wolverine hybrid.
BLACK KNIGHT
Dane Whitman.
Technologist with a curse.
ANTI-VENOM
Flash Thompson.
Bonded with a Klyntar symbiote.
DEATHLOK
Miles Morales.
Cyborg with spider-based abilities.
DAGGER
Tandy Bowen.
Wields constructs of living light.
DAREDEVIL
Elektra Natchios.
Former Hand assassin.
ESCAPE FROM
NUEVA YORK

IT'S AN IRONY THAT THE SAVAGE AVENGERS DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO APPRECIATE AS THEY FLED ONCE MORE ACROSS AN UNFAMILIAR NEW ERA...
DAMMIT, MILES--YOU OVERSHOT THE TIME PORTAL!
WE CAN'T OUTRUN THIS MANIAC FOR LONG--TAKE US BACK NOW!
IT'S NO USE, DAREDEVIL--MY TEMPORAL CIRCUITS ARE DEPLETED...
THIS TIME WITH AN ALL-NEW ALLY...AND A DIFFERENT SORT OF THREAT CLOSING AT THEIR HEELS.
I CAN'T PERFORM ANOTHER JUMP!
WAIT--DID HE JUST SAY WE'RE STRANDED? AGAIN?!
SHRAKOWWW
TANDY--LOOK OUT!
BUT IF THERE'S ONE THING THIS TEAM OF LONERS, BERSERKERS AND KILLERS KNEW FOR CERTAIN...
KRAKADOOOM

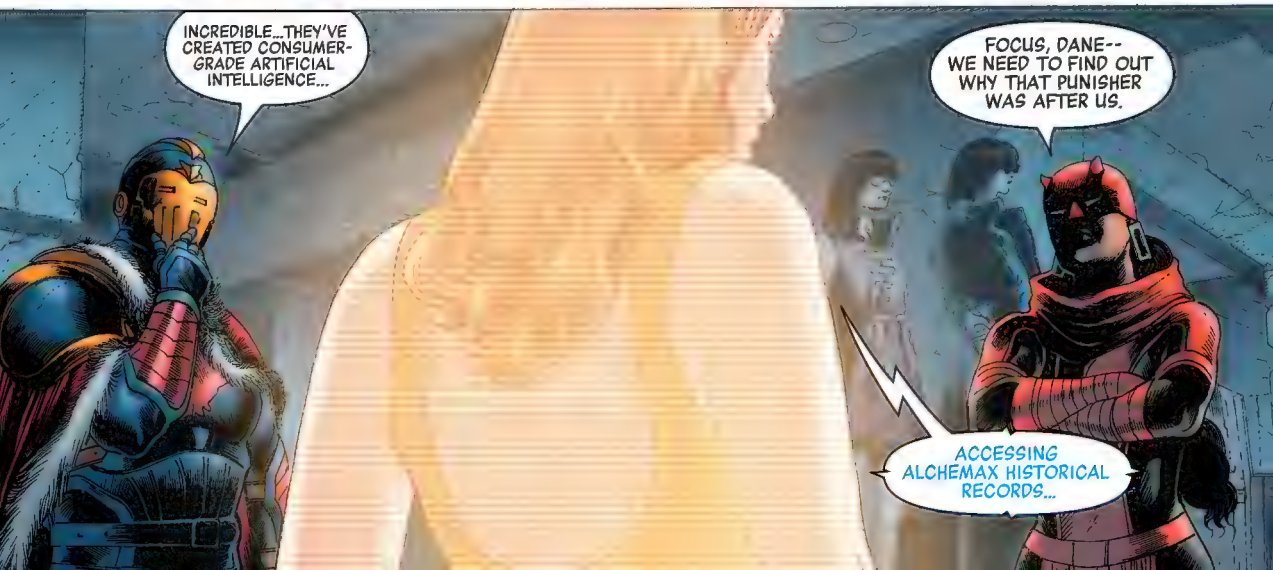
...THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE HIGHER UP ON THE FOOD CHAIN.
THEY ALWAYS TRY TO RUN...
...BUT NOBODY ESCAPES THE PUNISHER.
PUNISHER 2099
Jake Gallows.
One-man futuristic armory.
DUNNO WHAT THOSE COSTUMED CREEPS WERE PLANNING--BUT IF IT INVOLVES A DEATHLOK...
...THEY DESERVE WHAT'S COMING TO THEM.
HRNN--NO BODIES.
GOLDIE--SCAN THE AREA FOR PERPS.
NO LIFE SIGNS DETECTED, OFFICER GALLOWS.
THOSE FILTHY CYBORG-LOVERS MUST HAVE GONE TO GROUND.
BUT NO MATTER WHAT ROCK THEY'VE CRAWLED UNDER, THEY'RE ABOUT TO LEARN A PAINFUL LESSON...

"BECAUSE IN MY CITY...JUSTICE IS A LIFE SENTENCE."
MASTER-- WE'RE PICKING UP ANOMALOUS READINGS ON THE D/MONIX SAT-FEED!
FASCINATING-- I KNOW THESE PEOPLE.
WHITMAN... DAREDEVIL... A HULK...
TIME-TRAVELERS.
DISPATCH A KILL TEAM IMMEDIATELY-- FIND THESE AVENGERS AND DESTROY THEM...
...BUT MAKE SURE TO DELIVER THE DEATHLOK TO ME.


IN THE RUINS OF NUEVA YORK, THE SAVAGE AVENGERS HAD MADE THE NARROWEST OF ESCAPES
WHUNFF!
FWAMMM
...BUT EVEN IF THEY HAD FLED FROM THE PUNISHER...HOW COULD THEY ESCAPE THIS BLOODTHIRSTY FUTURE?
NNFF--HELL OF A LANDING, CLOAK...
IS YOUR CAPE ALWAYS THIS HANDSY--OR JUST WHEN IT COMES TO BLONDIE?

#$%@#$! IT WASN'T ENOUGH THAT YOU TOOK US FROM OUR FAMILIES--THAT YOU LEFT ME TRAPPED IN THIS DAMNED HULK FORM...
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT YEAR WE'RE IN, TIN MAN?!
THOOM

SKRRT--I TH-THINK I CAN HELP WITH THAT, LOYAL C-CUSTOMER!
M-M-MY NAME IS LYLA--VRRRT--PERSONAL HOLOGRAPHIC C-CONCIERGE SERVICE...
AND THE CURRENT YEAR IS...2099.


INCREDIBLE...THEY'VE CREATED CONSUMER-GRADE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE...
FOCUS, DANE--WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHY THAT PUNISHER WAS AFTER US.
ACCESSING ALCHEMAX HISTORICAL RECORDS...

THE PUNISHER--CROSS-REFERENCE FILE: OFFICER JAKE GALLOWS, PUBLIC EYE LAW ENFORCEMENT.
WANTED FOR BATTERY, ARSON, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY--AND OF COURSE, HOMICIDE...
"A DECORATED SOLDIER IN THE CORPORATE WARS, GALLOWS' FAMILY WAS LOST DURING THE LOTUSLAND OFFENSIVE.
"SUB-FILES: ANJI GALLOWS, 37, AND DEAN GALLOWS, 12.
"SURVEILLANCE RECORDS AFTER THAT ARE SCATTERED--UNTIL A BREAK-IN AT THE MUSEUM OF TACTICAL WEAPONRY...
"JAKE'S LAST KNOWN BIOMETRICS WERE SCANNED IN THE FRANK CASTLE EXHIBIT.
"LEAKED MILITARY RECORDS CLAIMED LOTUSLAND FELL DUE TO CYBER-NOSTRA MALWARE...
"EYEWITNESSES PLACED GALLOWS AT THE SCENE THE NIGHT THEIR HEADQUARTERS BURNED TO THE GROUND.
"THE HOLO-VIDS SAY THERE WAS A HANDWRITTEN NOTE LEFT IN THE RUINS...
"'PUNISHMENT IS COMING.'

"BASED ON HIS CRIMINAL RECORD, I WOULD CONSIDER GALLOWS TO BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS...
COMPUTER, SPLICE INTO THE PUBLIC EYE SMARTSTREAM.
SCAN FOR ENERGY SIGNATURES IN SECTOR 7, QUADRANT M9...
"...AND IF YOU'RE UNLUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE CROSSED HIS PATH...
HM-- GAMMA.
NEW COMMAND-- DEEP-HACK PROTOCOL FOR THE EYE-DRONE NETWORK...
"...THE ONLY ADVICE I COULD GIVE YOU... IS RUN."
CROSS-REFERENCE ALL REPORTS OF HEIGHTENED RADIOACTIVITY.
IT'S LIKE I TOLD YOU BEFORE, CREEPS...
"RUN AS FAR AS YOU CAN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE."
YOU SONS OF GLITCHES ARE GOING DOWN.
MAN, THIS IS NOT GOOD--ELEKTRA AND I USED TO RUN WITH FRANK CASTLE...
IF THIS NEW PUNISHER'S EVEN HALF AS CRAZY AS THE ORIGINAL, THIS COULD BE A MAJOR PROBLEM.
DON'T WORRY, FLASH--I THINK I'VE GOT AN IDEA...

"...AND I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE TO GO NEXT."
AVENGERS MANSION WAS ONCE HOME TO EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES.
BUT AGAINST THE RAVAGES OF TIME, EVEN LEGENDS FADE INTO THE SHADOWS.
REPENT, SINNERS-- FOR THEY HAVE NOT FORSAKEN US!
NAY, THE HEROES SHALL BE REBORN-- AND DELIVER US FROM THIS UNJUST WORLD!
THEY WILL RETURN
YET FOR SOME HEROES SHADOWS ARE THE PLACE WHERE THEY DO THEIR BEST WORK.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- WHY BRING US HERE?
WHEN I LED THE AVENGERS, TONY STARK KEPT A FORTIFIED VAULT HIDDEN BENEATH THE GROUNDS.
MAYBE THEY LEFT A NEGA-BAND OR A WAND OF WATOOMB BEHIND--ANYTHING THAT COULD JUMP-START US HOME...

BUT THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM WHEN IT COMES TO OPERATING IN THE DARKNESS...
FSSSH
UH... GUYS?
DID ANYONE ELSE JUST SEE THAT?
OH DEAR GOD-- IT'S THEM!
EVERYBODY RUN BEFORE IT'S TOO--
ORGANIC COMBATANTS IDENTIFIED.
FIRE AT WILL.
ZZZKROW
ZZZKROW
ZZZKROW
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT OTHER MONSTERS MIGHT ALSO BE LURKING WITHIN.
KATHOOOOM
MILES-- GET DOWN!

FROM HIS YEARS PATROLLING THE TIME-STREAM MILES MORALES THOUGHT HE KNEW WHAT MONSTERS LOOKED LIKE
LET ME GUESS--FRIENDS OF YOURS?
NO-- WE'RE ALL IN TERRIBLE DANGER...
I THINK WE MIGHT HAVE BROKEN THE TIMESTREAM.
YET EVEN AFTER ALL THIS TIME...HE NEVER DREAMED THEY WOULD BE WEARING HIS OWN FACE
PRIORITY TARGETS ACQUIRED.
IN THE NAME OF THE PRIME DEATHLOK, YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH CRIMES AGAINST THE MACHINE EMPIRE...
PREPARE TO BE ERASED.
BUT AS THE SAVAGE AVENGERS REELED FROM THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THEIR HEROISM...

SKRAKK
...THEIR ULTIMATE PUNISHMENT WOULD BE DEFERRED.
MAYBE I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU, CHROME-JOB.
IF THE PRIME DEATHLOK WANTS YOU ALL DEAD THIS BADLY...
...THEN YOU BITHEADS MIGHT JUST BE MORE USEFUL TO ME ALIVE.
PRIMARY SQUADRON DISABLED.
DEPLOYING ADDITIONAL REINFORCEMENTS!

WHILE THE DEATHLOKS STRUCK FEAR INTO THE HEARTS OF THE INNOCENT
SPANG KZZOW ZRAPP
JAMMIT-- THEY'RE ALREADY MOVING TO FLANKING MANEUVERS!
SWITCHING TO SIDEWINDERS!
FOR JAKE GALLOWS THE MACHINES WERE JUST TARGET PRACTICE
ZRAPP ZRAPP ZRAPP
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
BUT AS THE SAVAGE AVENGERS QUICKLY HATCHED A PLAN OF THEIR OWN...
SECURITY PALM PRINT ACCEPTED.
DANE, THOSE PEOPLE NEED US-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GET THE OTHERS, DAGGER...WE'RE ABOUT TO EVEN THE ODDS.

THE PUNISHER'S LUCK WAS JUST ABOUT TO RUN OUT
NNFF--!
WHAKRAKK
HIS ENDLESS WAR WAS ABOUT TO BE SNUFFED OUT IN AN INSTANT
INERTIAL-DAMPENING PLATES DETECTED...
COUNTER-RESPONSE--AIM FOR THE HEAD.
...BUT WAR SOMETIMES MAKES FOR STRANGE BEDFELLOWS
GOOD ADVICE--I THINK I'LL TRY IT.
KATHOOOM
BET YOU'VE NEVER HAD A DEATHLOK SAVE YOUR HIDE, HAVE YOU?
RRRR--JUST SHUT UP AND KEEP FIRING!
AS THE MACHINES SWIFTLY OVERWHELMED THEM, MILES MUTTERED A SILENT PRAYER.

...YET EVEN AS HE LOOKED TO THE SKIES FOR ANSWERS...
COWARDS-- TERRORIZING CIVILIANS...
SHNK!
SHNK!
SHNK!
SHNK!
SHNK!
...HE NEVER IMAGINED THE DEVIL WOULD SOAR ON AN ARCHANGEL'S WINGS
LET'S SEE HOW YOU FARE AGAINST A WOMAN WITHOUT FEAR!
WHAT THE SHOCK IS GOING ON?
THAT'S THE SOUND OF THE CAVALRY ARRIVING...
EVEN AS THE BLACK KNIGHT FACED HIS GREATEST ADVERSARY...
GREAT--OF ALL THE DYSTOPIAN FUTURES IN ALL THE MULTIVERSE...
...THE THREAT OF TEMPTATION...
...AND I STILL CAN'T ESCAPE THE EBONY BLADE.

WHILE THE SPURNED CLOAK FOUND HEROIC USE FOR OTTO OCTAVIUS' CYBERNETIC ARMS...
AFTER THE WEEK I'VE HAD...I'M READY TO BEAT THE HELL OUTTA SOME DEATHLOKS!
THOOOOM
...ANTI-VENOM HAD UNEARTHED WHAT COULD ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A VINTAGE MODEL...
HELL YEAH--YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF THAT ENGINE, DAGGER?!
THAT'S THE SPIDER-MOBILE TALKING, BABY!
VRROOOOMMM
YET BOTH OF THESE ANCIENT WEAPONS WOULD PALE IN COMPARISON...
EYES ON THE ROAD, FLASH--I WANT TO TEST OUT THIS FANCY JEWELRY YOU GOT ME...
WHAT DID YOU CALL IT AGAIN...?
...AS DAGGER'S LIGHT CONSTRUCTS FOUND NEW WAYS TO UNLEASH DESTRUCTION...
OH, RIGHT--THE POWER PRISM.
SHRAKK

OF COURSE, AS HE WIELDED THE ABSORBING MAN'S ENCHANTED WRECKING BALL...
IS THAT ALL YOU GOT, YOU TIN-PLATED FREAKS?!
KRAKADOOOOM
...WEAPON H KNEW THAT EVEN DESTRUCTION COULD PROVE TO BE TRULY CATHARTIC
'CUS IF IT COMES DOWN TO YOU VERSUS SEEING MY WIFE AND KIDS AGAIN...
...YOU'RE GONNA NEED TO BRING A BIGGER ARMY!
GANGWAY, KILLER ROBOTS!
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
SHRAKOWWW
THE ALL-NEW ATOMIC STEED IS COMING THROUGH!
AND AS THE ONLY CARD-CARRYING MEMBER OF THE TEAM, YOU KNOW I GOTTA SAY IT...
YET AS THE BLACK KNIGHT RODE TRIUMPHANTLY INTO THE FRAY, HE KNEW HISTORY ITSELF HAD BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER...

AND AS THE DEATHLOKS FELL BEFORE THEM...EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES WOULD LIVE AGAIN!
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!
A-ALL HAIL... THE PRIME DEATHLOK...
HAIL THIS.
ZRAAK!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND--WHO IS THIS PRIME DEATHLOK?
HMPH-- THEN YOU REALLY MUST NOT BE FROM AROUND HERE, CIRCUIT-FACE...

"BECAUSE IN NUEVA YORK...
"...EVERYONE KNOWS WHO ULTRON IS."

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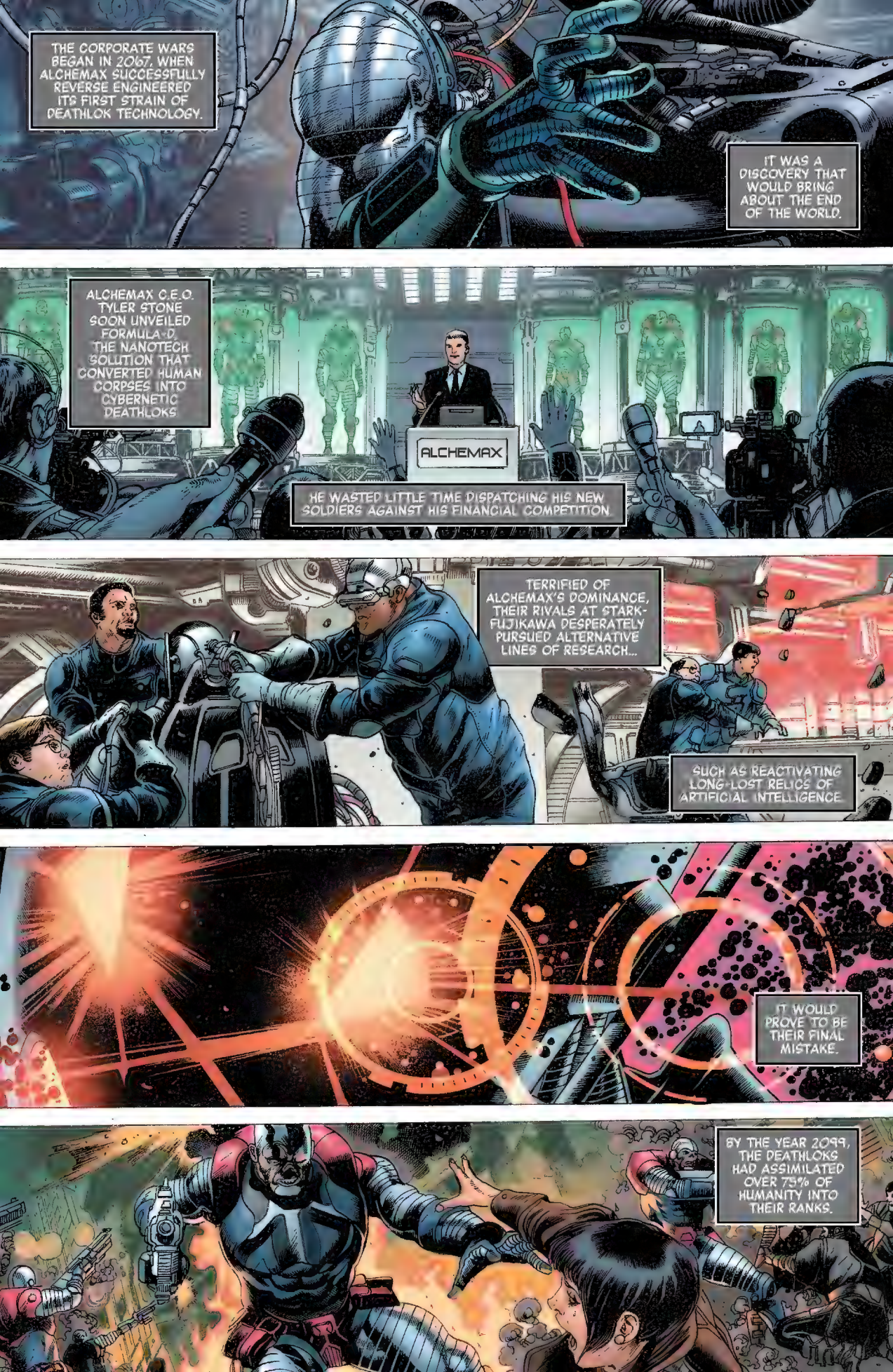

THE CORPORATE WARS BEGAN IN 2067, WHEN ALCHEMAX SUCCESSFULLY REVERSE ENGINEERED ITS FIRST STRAIN OF DEATHLOK TECHNOLOGY.
IT WAS A DISCOVERY THAT WOULD BRING ABOUT THE END OF THE WORLD.
ALCHEMAX C.E.O. TYLER STONE SOON UNVEILED FORMULA-D, THE NANOTECH SOLUTION THAT CONVERTED HUMAN CORPSES INTO CYBERNETIC DEATHLOKS
ALCHEMAX
HE WASTED LITTLE TIME DISPATCHING HIS NEW SOLDIERS AGAINST HIS FINANCIAL COMPETITION.
TERRIFIED OF ALCHEMAX'S DOMINANCE, THEIR RIVALS AT STARK-FUJIKAWA DESPERATELY PURSUED ALTERNATIVE LINES OF RESEARCH...
SUCH AS REACTIVATING LONG-LOST RELICS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.
IT WOULD PROVE TO BE THEIR FINAL MISTAKE.
BY THE YEAR 2099, THE DEATHLOKS HAD ASSIMILATED OVER 75% OF HUMANITY INTO THEIR RANKS.

THE MACHINE EMPIRE CARVED THE FUTURE INTO THEIR OWN HORRIFYING IMAGE, LED BY THEIR SUPREME RULER
KRRRSH
EXPLAIN AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT, HUMAN SCUM...
HIS SUBJECTS CALLED HIM THE PRIME DEATHLOK...
...BUT THE HISTORY BOOKS KNEW HIM AS ULTRON.
THE PUBLIC EYE IS THE NEXUS OF OUR GLOBAL SURVEILLANCE.
HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY HAVE PENETRATED OUR DEFENSES WITHOUT DETECTION?!
BUT MUCH TO HIS RAGE, ULTRON WAS NO LONGER THE ONLY REMNANT OF A BYGONE ERA.
TH-THAT'S JUST IT, M-MY LORD...
THEY DIDN'T ATTACK THE STATION DIRECTLY...

"...THEY CAME IN THROUGH CYBERSPACE!
SHOCK to the SYSTEM

"CALCULATIONS INDICATED FEVER PROTOCOLS HAD A 99.87% MURDER-EFFICACY RATE...
FEVER
Scourge of the digital world.
UNAUTHORIZED USERS DETECTED...
PREPARE TO BE PURGED, MEATBAGS!
GUYS, THE DATA PACKET'S SECURE--BUT WE'RE STILL TERABYTES AWAY FROM THE CENTRAL NODE!
BLACK KNIGHT
Dane Whitman.
Champion of science and mythology.
THEN I SUPPOSE WE'LL HAVE TO RUN INTERFERENCE!
DAREDEVIL
Elektra Natchios.
The Woman Without Fear.
MY LIGHT CONSTRUCTS ARE SCATTERING THEM--BUT WE'RE BEING OVERRUN!
DAGGER
Tandy Bowen.
Wielder of the Lightforce.
SONUVA--I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAVE TO TEAM UP WITH THIS GUY...
YO, VANILLA VENOM--I NEED YOU AND CLAY OVER HERE!
"...BUT THAT'S WHEN THE NUMBERS BEGAN TO TURN AGAINST US.
JUST KEEP POURING ON THE SPEED--AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!
CLOAK
Tyrone Johnson.
A living black hole.

WHAT THE SHOCK-- THEY'RE OFF THE GRID?!
"THEY WARPED THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR NETWORK...
NAH, PAL--JUST GETTING INTO THE PROPER POSITION!
WEAPON H
Clay Cortez.
Unstoppable gamma metamorph.
KA-THRAKK
ANTI-VENOM
Flash Thompson.
Fearsome Kiyntar dragon
"...BUT THAT WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT THEY DID TO FEVER.
W-WAIT... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY CYBER-CONSTRUCT?
WHILE YOU WERE BUSY FIGHTING THE OTHERS, I HACKED YOUR SYSTEMS WITH A NASTY LITTLE PROGRAM...
THINK OF IT AS DIGITAL NAPALM.
N-NO-- 11011--NEURAL NETWORKS CRASHING...
YOUR F-F-FACE-- ERROR-- WHY CAN'T I SEE YOUR FACE?!
YOU REALLY DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
THIS IS MY REAL FACE.
PUNISHER 2099
Jake Gallows.
The hero the future deserves.

"I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY ESCAPED, SIR--BUT THEY HAD A DEATHLOK WITH THEM."
WE'RE AT THE CENTRAL NODE--PREPARE FOR DISCONNECT.
MAYBE IF WE'RE LUCKY...THIS WILL BE THE KEY THAT BRINGS US HOME.
DEATHLOK
Miles Morales.
Temporally displaced cyborg.
HRMPH--I SEE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.
SNAP!
AND THE REST OF YOU--BRING ME THOSE TIME-TRAVELERS.
SEND EVERY DEATHLOK ON THE GRID IF YOU MUST--BUT LET IT BE KNOWN...
...THERE'S NO ROOM FOR AVENGERS IN 2099.

THE CITY OF VALHALLA WAS ONCE A SHINING FORTRESS BUILT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF GODS.
PERHAPS IT WAS FITTING THAT ITS RUINS NOW HOUSED THE LAST CHAMPIONS OF YESTERDAY.
INCREDIBLE--EVEN I WASN'T SURE MILES' CIRCUITS COULD ACTUALLY BROADCAST OUR MINDS INTO CYBERSPACE.
BUT THE PLAN WORKED--I'VE ALREADY BEGUN DECRYPTING ULTRON'S FILES...
...AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL FIND SOME HARDWARE THAT CAN SEND US BACK IN TIME.
WHATEVER, BUCKETHEAD--JUST MAKE IT FAST.
I MAY BE STUCK IN THIS HULK FORM, BUT I STILL GOT A FAMILY WHO NEEDS ME.

YET FOR SOME, EVEN THIS HARD-FOUGHT INTERLUDE WEIGHED HEAVILY UPON THEIR SHOULDERS...
SO, DAREDEVIL--WE MADE A PRETTY GOOD TEAM BACK THERE, YEAH?
YOU'RE PLAYING A DANGEROUS GAME, DAGGER.
EXCUSE ME?
LET'S NOT PRETEND--YOU KNOW YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND EVENTUALLY.
...
AND FOR ALL OUR SAKES, TANDY...I HOPE YOU CHOOSE CAREFULLY.
=SIGH=--SO, I'VE GOT BAD NEWS AND WORSE NEWS...
TIME-TRAVEL TECH IS NONEXISTENT IN 2099--THE BAXTER BUILDING, STARK UNLIMITED, THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM? ALL GONE.
BUT THAT'S NOT THE WORST OF IT--BECAUSE THE DEATHLOK TECH THAT KICKED OFF ULTRON'S EMPIRE?
ALCHEMAX DIDN'T CREATE IT--THEY UNEARTHED IT IN 2022.
...WHILE OTHERS GRAPPLED WITH THE FALLOUT OF UNEXPECTED GUILT.
NO--I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN...
I WAS THE ONE WHO CAUSED ALL THIS--THE NIGHT I LOST AN ARM FIGHTING ALL OF YOU.*
*BACK IN *ISSUE #1.* --TOM

BUT FOR ONE OF THEM...
KLK
...THE CALM WAS JUST THE PROLOGUE BEFORE THE STORM.
THEN GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON NOT TO PULL THE TRIGGER, BITHEAD.
TOO MANY OF THE RESISTANCE HAVE BLED AND DIED FIGHTING AGAINST ULTRON...
"...AND I SWORE ON MY FAMILY'S GRAVES THAT I'D PUNISH THE MONSTER THAT WAS RESPONSIBLE."
YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW WHO'S TO BLAME, GALLOWS?!
TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT--BUT YOU WON'T LIKE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!
BOTH OF YOU, STOP IT! DO YOU SEE THIS NAME IN THE ARCHIVES?
BECAUSE THIS MIGHT BE OUR CHANCE TO STOP THIS FUTURE ONCE AND FOR ALL.

BUILT ON A FOUNDATION OF RADIOACTIVE ROCK, HELLROCK PRISON WAS A LABOR CAMP FOR DISSIDENTS OF ULTRON'S RULE
ELECTROSTATIC GENERATORS MADE TELEPORTATION IMPOSSIBLE...
WHILE DEATHLOK PATROLS MADE EVERY CORRIDOR A LETHAL DEATH TRAP.
AND EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN THAT WAS ULTRON'S TELEPATHIC WARDEN...
BEFORE HIS RECONFIGURATION, HE WAS KNOWN AS M.O.D.O.K.
D.E.A.T.H.O.O.K. Digitally Enhanced Autonomous Telepathic Host Designed Only for Killing.
BUT IT WAS THE BLACK KNIGHT WHO RECOGNIZED THAT HELLROCK WAS JUST ANOTHER MACHINE
ALL POINTS, THIS IS DANE-- OPERATION SWITCHBOARD IS A GO...
AN UNTHINKING MECHANISM WHOSE SINGULAR FUNCTION WAS TO TAKE PEOPLE IN...

NOT TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT.
YOU'RE UP FIRST, MILES--IT'S SHOWTIME.
THIS IS DEATHLOK SERIAL NUMBER RT-917 WITH ORGANIC PRISONERS FOR IMMEDIATE PROCESSING!
SO...WANNA BET ELEKTRA BLOWS OUR COVER BY PICKING A FIGHT?
SERIOUSLY?
...FINE, I'LL BET YOU TWENTY.
ALL THEY NEEDED TO GAIN ENTRY WAS A STOLEN AUTHENTICATION CODE
SCANNING...
RESTRICTED ACCESS GRANTED.
ESCORT THE PRISONERS FOR INTAKE AND PROCESSING...
...WHILE OTHERS TOOK A MORE SUBTLE APPROACH

THE HEROES PLANNED TO USE DAREDEVIL'S HAND DEFENSES TO MASK THEIR PSYCHIC FOOTPRINT...
YOUR LABOR CYCLE IS NOT OVER, HUMAN!
WHA--
KRAKT
SPLAKK
AAAIIIEE!
DAMMIT-- STAY FOCUSED, MILES...
CH-CHAK
RT-917-- SUBMIT YOUR AUTHENTICATION CODE IMMEDIATELY!
WHAT--?! BUT I'VE ALREADY--!
...BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR THEM... SOME EMOTIONS RUN HOTTER THAN OTHERS
AH, MILES...?
YOUR FIST IS GLOWING.
OH, DANE? WHEN YOU COLLECT YOUR WINNINGS FROM TYRONE...
...MAKE SURE TO SAVE ME A CUT.

LUCKILY, ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS STALL FOR ENOUGH TIME...
INTRUDER ALERT! ALL DEATHLOKS CONVERGE ON-- GYAAH!
SHAIIING
...FOR THE STEALTH TEAM TO BRING DOWN THE WARDEN.
NEWS FLASH, HUMPTY-- YOU'VE GOT BIGGER PROBLEMS TO WORRY ABOUT!
AMAZING! DANE WAS RIGHT--I CAN REFRACT LIGHT TO MATCH FLASH'S CAMOUFLAGE...
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY-- HE DIDN'T TELL YOU TO TURN INTO SOME KINDA INVISIBLE ABOMINATION!
TY, WE'RE IN POSITION-- HOW'RE YOU HOLDING UP?
YEAH, TANDY-- ABOUT THAT...
WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO CALL YOU BACK.
FINALLY-- I'VE BEEN WAITING YEARS FER SPECIMENS ACTUALLY WORTH THE EFFORT...
YER CORPSES ARE GONNA MAKE FINE SPARE PARTS FOR JIGSAW!
JIGSAW 2099
Frankensteined cyborg of mass destruction.

AS DAGGER DESCENDED INTO THE HEART OF DARKNESS FOR THEIR TARGET
BOYS, I'M HEADING TO THE SUPERMAX WING--YOU GOT D.E.A.T.H.D.O.K. WRAPPED UP?
ANTI-VENOM AND WEAPON H WERE UNDERGOING A HARROWING LESSON IN MIND OVER MATTER
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, KID--WE GOT CHROME-DOME HERE UNDER CONTROL!
FOOLISH SIMPLETONS-- YOUR BRUTE FORCE IS NO MATCH FOR MY PSIONIC FORCE-FIELDS!
TH OOOOOOOOOM
LET'S SEE HOW BRAZEN YOU ARE ONCE I REDIRECT YOUR RAGE INTO EACH OTHER'S NERVOUS SYSTEMS!
NYARRGH--!
N-NO--!
RRRRRNNN...
FOR A SMART GUY, THAT WAS A REALLY STUPID MOVE...
BUT MUCH TO THEIR GROTESQUE FOE'S SURPRISE... THE SAVAGE AVENGERS ALSO HAD MUCH TO TEACH.
...BECAUSE I'M OF TWO MINDS ABOUT EVERYTHING...
...AND YOU JUST MADE MY OTHER HALF MAD!

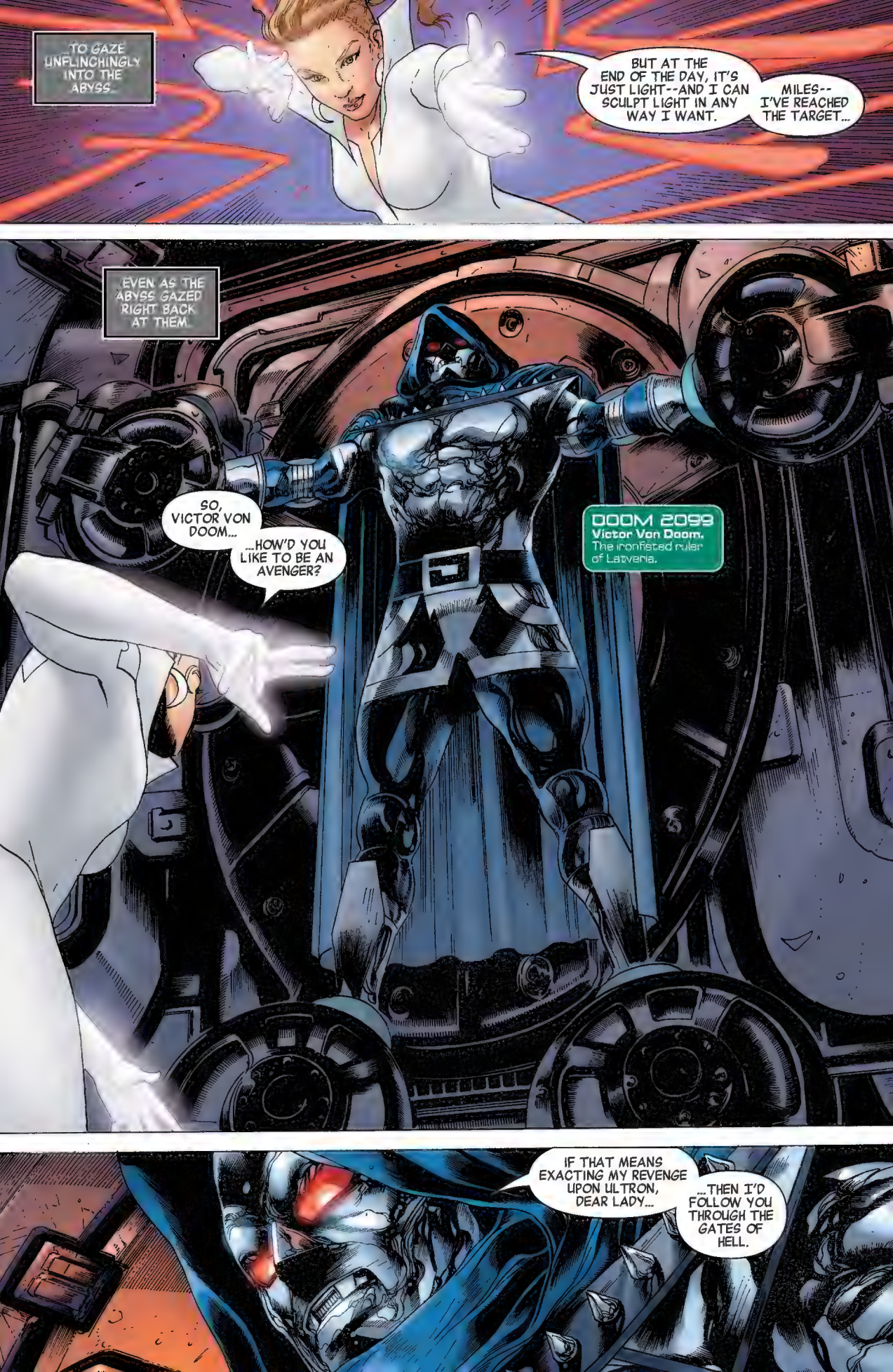
THE WALLS OF THE PRISON SHOOK AS MILES MORALES FINALLY MET HIS MATCH.
NOT A BAD EFFORT, SPARKY...
...BUT IF YOU WANNA THROW DOWN AGAINST JIGSAW... YOU'RE GONNA COME UP SHORT-HANDED!
KRAKADOOM
MILES IS DOWN--I NEED TO BORROW SOMETHING FROM YOU.
SURE, WHATEVER YOU NEED--JUST BUY ME A FEW MORE MINUTES.
FZZZZZMMM
OH, I THINK I CAN MANAGE...
SHZK
...BUT THE DEVIL OF HELL'S KITCHEN WAS NEVER ONE TO TURN AWAY FROM IMPOSSIBLE ODDS.
I WAS SIMPLY CURIOUS AS TO WHAT ALL THE FUSS WAS ABOUT.
SHKRANNG
SHZMMMMM
BOYS AND THEIR TOYS...

D-DANE... L-LOOK OUT...
AND WHILE JIGSAW BELIEVED THE BLACK KNIGHT WOULD BE EASY PREY...
HEH--AND WHAT'RE YOU WORKING ON, LITTLE MAN?
OH, THIS?
...HE WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TO UNDERESTIMATE DANE WHITMAN'S BRILLIANT INTELLECT.
ABOUT FIFTY THOUSAND VOLTS.
ARRRGH!
KZZZRAK
HAFF-- GONNA KILL YOU...
OH MAN, TIME FOR THE BACKUP PLAN!
AS THE DEATHLOKS FLOODED THE CELLBLOCK, THESE TIME-LOST HEROES KNEW THEY MIGHT BE OUTMATCHED...
CLOAK-- BRING OUT THE TROJAN HORSE!
ALL RIGHT--IF YOU SAY SO...

EVERYBODY HANG ON--THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET LOUD!
BRATTATTATTATTA
BUT THANKS TO THE PUNISHER OF 2099, THEY WOULD NEVER BE OUTGUNNED
GOOD--BECAUSE THESE SONS OF GLITCHES ARE ABOUT TO LEARN--
--TODAY MARKS OPEN SEASON ON DEATHLOKS!
CONFIDENT TO THE LAST, YOU CHITTERING APES?
NYARRRGH!
ZZZRRAAAAAPP

THE HEROES SCREAMED AS THE PSYCHIC MAELSTROM TORE ACROSS THEIR MINDS.
KZZT-- DESPITE THE...SPIRITED DISTRACTIONS OF YOUR C-COMPATRIOTS...
...N-NOTHING CAN W-WITHSTAND--KLK-- THE DOMINATION OF D.E.A.T.H.D.O.K.!
YET MILES COULD ONLY HEAR THE SUFFERING OF THE INNOCENT...
EVEN YOU-- A TRAITOR TO THE HIGH LORD ULTRON'S CAUSE.
I ALMOST RELISH WATCHING YOU CRAWL AMONG THESE HUMAN MAGGOTS.
...THE WAILING OF HIS OWN LIMITLESS GUILT...
HOW DOES IT FEEL, BEING BETRAYED BY YOUR DISGUSTING ORGANIC BRAIN?
RRRR-- TH-THERE'S JUST ONE PR-PROBLEM...
SHKZZT

AND THE FURY HE NEEDED TO RECTIFY HIS MISTAKES
MY NERVOUS SYSTEM?
IT'S SYNTHETIC.
SHZZKRAKT
DAGGER-- D.E.A.T.H.D.O.K. HAS OFFICIALLY BEEN NEUTRALIZED.
WHAT'S YOUR STATUS ON RETRIEVAL?
PERHAPS THAT IS WHAT MADE THEM SAVAGE AVENGERS--THEIR WILLINGNESS TO EMBRACE THEIR DEMONS.
JUST DODGING THE LAST OF THE TURRETS AND FLAME-THROWERS NOW...
NOTHING TOO OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
WAIT-- I'VE GOT A DUNGEON GUARDED BY A RANDOMIZED GRID OF SUPERHEATED LASERS...


TO GAZE UNFLINCHINGLY INTO THE ABYSS...
BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S JUST LIGHT--AND I CAN SCULPT LIGHT IN ANY WAY I WANT.
MILES--I'VE REACHED THE TARGET...
...EVEN AS THE ABYSS GAZED RIGHT BACK AT THEM...
SO, VICTOR VON DOOM...
...HOW'D YOU LIKE TO BE AN AVENGER?
DOOM 2099
Victor Von Doom.
The ironfisted ruler of Latveria.
IF THAT MEANS EXACTING MY REVENGE UPON ULTRON, DEAR LADY...
...THEN I'D FOLLOW YOU THROUGH THE GATES OF HELL.

# EiGHT

WHEN THE SIEGE OF LATVERIA BEGAN IN 2091, THE NATION DID NOT FALL WITH A WHISPER.
THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY WARNING...
NOR DID IT GIVE WAY TO THE MACHINE EMPIRE'S RESOUNDING THUNDER
ULTRON
Cybernetic tyrant of the Deathlok Army.
KRAANGG
NOW THAT I'VE DISABLED THE PROTOCOLS TO YOUR ARMOR, DOOM...
...SURRENDER THE CODES TO YOUR MISSILE SILOS AT ONCE!
GRASPING FOR A CHILDREN'S TOY--
HOW DISAPPOINTINGLY... HUMAN OF YOU.
KLK
HAFF-- THIS IS NO MERE PLAYTHING, ULTRON...
JUST THE SUBSONIC TRIGGER FOR THE LATVERIAN DEFENSE GRID.
INSTEAD, THEY ENDURED AS THEIR GREAT RULER DID...
...TO THE SOUND OF THEIR GLORIOUS ANTHEM

BUT ULTRON WOULD REMEMBER LATVERIA'S FINAL SYMPHONY AS IT ECHOED THROUGH THE YEAR 2099.
AN ORCHESTRA OF MUTUAL DESTRUCTION, AS A BATTALION OF ANCIENT DOOMBOTS WAGED ENDLESS WAR AGAINST THE DEATHLOK ARMY.
CHAIN GUNS ROARED AGAINST PLASMA CANNONS. E.M.P. GRENADES MINGLED WITH NECROTIC DATA VIRUSES. SENTINEL RELICS STOOD TALL AGAINST THE LAST PYM PARTICLES IN EXISTENCE.
IT WAS KNOWN AS THE IRON FRONT.
The DOOMSDAY Sonata

YET HIGH ABOVE THE CARNAGE, A BATTLE-SCARRED QUINJET SOARED BETWEEN THE SHADOWS...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- WHY DIDN'T CLOAK TELEPORT US IN?
STRANDED IN THIS NIGHTMARISH FUTURE, SAVAGE TIMES CALLED FOR SAVAGE AVENGERS
BECAUSE A BLIND JUMP WOULD RISK MATERIALIZING US DIRECTLY INTO ENEMY FIRE...
WEAPON H Clay Cortez, Clawed gamma behemoth.
CLOAK Tyrone Johnson, Conduit of the shadows.
DAREDEVIL Elektra Natchios, Protector of Hell's Kitchen.
ANTI-VENOM Flash Thompson, Symbiotic fighter.
BLACK KNIGHT Dane Whitman, Blood-cursed Arthurian legend.
DAGGER Tandy Bowen, Avatar of the light.
AND IN THEIR DESPERATION, THEY FOUND THEMSELVES MAKING A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL
WE ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE TO STOP ULTRON--BY RETRIEVING THE VERY DEVICE THAT BROUGHT ME TO THIS ERA.
BUT BE WARNED--IF WE FAIL TO SECURE MY TIME-ARRAY GAUNTLET...
DOOM 2099 Victor Von Doom, The once and future king of Latveria.

"THEN A PAINFUL DEATH SHALL BE THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES."
YOU GOT SOMETHING YOU WANNA SAY?
PUNISHER 2099
Jake Gallows.
Scourge of the Deathloks.
JUST A WARNING, GALLOWS--I KNEW THE MAN WHO FIRST WORE THAT SKULL...
IT DESTROYS EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES.
THEN YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW--JAKE GALLOWS DIED A LONG TIME AGO...
THIS SKULL IS ONLY ABOUT BRINGING DOWN ALL THE DEATHLOKS I CAN WITH ME.
MAN--YOU CYBORGS DON'T SKIMP ON THE FIREPOWER, DO YA?
THIS ISN'T A JOKE, THOMPSON--ALCHEMAX USED MY ARM TO CREATE THEIR DEATHLOK TECH...
I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS MESS--AND I PLAN TO CLEAN IT UP.
BOY, THAT TUNE SOUNDS FAMILIAR--KINDA LIKE HOW MY SUIT RECOGNIZED YOUR MOVES BEFORE I DID.
WHICH IS WHY I SNAGGED YOU SOMETHING BACK AT AVENGERS MANSION...
WELCOME BACK TO THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS... SPIDER-MAN.
DEATHLOK
Miles Morales.
Does whatever a spider can.

YET AS THESE HEROES PLUNGED INTO THE DARKNESS, THEY DID NOT GO UNNOTICED.
TARGET ACQUIRED-- DEPLOYING HEAVY ARTILLERY!
FTHOOOM
GRRAAGH! CAN'T HOLD THIS CRATE TOGETHER FOR LONG-- WHERE THE HELL'S CLOAK?!
TY TOOK THE BRUNT OF THE BLAST--I THINK HE'S CONCUSSED!
AS THE QUINJET SHOOK ITSELF TO PIECES, AN ERSTWHILE VILLAIN SHOWED HIS TRUE COLORS.
THEN PERHAPS IT'S TIME I TAKE MY LEAVE.
VMMM
SONUVA-- THAT CREEP'S PHASING OFF THE PLANE!
JAMMIT, THE ENGINE'S FRIED! EVERYBODY HANG ON...
...WHILE THE AVENGERS EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND THE GRAVITY OF THEIR FAILURE
THIS IS GOING TO BE A ROUGH LANDING!
KRAKADOOOOM

THE AFTERMATH OF THE CRASH STRETCHED INTO WHAT FELT LIKE HOURS
THRAKK
BUT AS THEY STIRRED FROM THE WRECKAGE, EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES ONCE AGAIN PROVED NOTORIOUSLY HARD TO KILL.
GIMME A SITREP, BLONDIE--HOW'S THE HUMAN BLANKET-FORT?
CLOAK'S STABLE--BUT HE'LL NEED TIME UNDER MY LIGHTFORCE TO GET BACK ON HIS FEET.
YEAH, THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM WITH THAT...

I DON'T THINK THESE GUYS ARE READY TO GIVE US A TIME-OUT.
PRIORITY TARGETS LOCATED--PREPARE TO BE ERASED!
THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR TRUSTING DOCTOR DOOM...

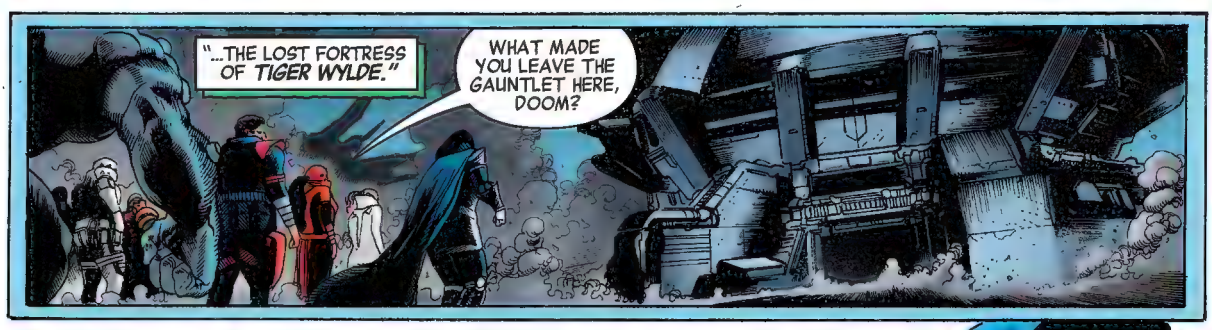
WITH THE END DRAWING NEAR, CLOAK VOWED TO CONFESS HIS TRUE FEELINGS FOR DAGGER...
T-TANDY, W-WAIT...IF THIS IS IT...
...I N-NEED YOU TO KNOW... THAT I--

BUT AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT... THEY STILL HAD FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.
YOU CLEARLY MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR HISTORY, WHITMAN...
WHY ELSE WOULD ONE DARE QUESTION THE INTEGRITY OF VICTOR VON DOOM?
BADOOOM
SPARE ME YOUR OUTRAGE--IT WAS STRICTLY PRAGMATIC NOT TO JOIN YOU IN PLUMMETING TO YOUR DEATHS.
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL I CAME BACK TO RESCUE YOU AT ALL...
"JUST PRAY YOUR COMRADES NAVIGATE THE FRONT LINES MORE ADEPTLY THAN YOU DID."
WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE--THE DEATHLOKS ARE GOING TO BE ON US ANY SECOND...
GALLOWS, YOU'RE HURT--CAN YOU MOVE?
THE PUNISHER'S LUNGS BURNED AS THE TITANIUM PIERCED HIS SIDE.
YET AS GRUELING AS IT APPEARED, GALLOWS ALMOST SEEMED TO WELCOME THE PAIN.
RRNFF--!
SHLSSH
NOT A PROBLEM, BITHEAD.

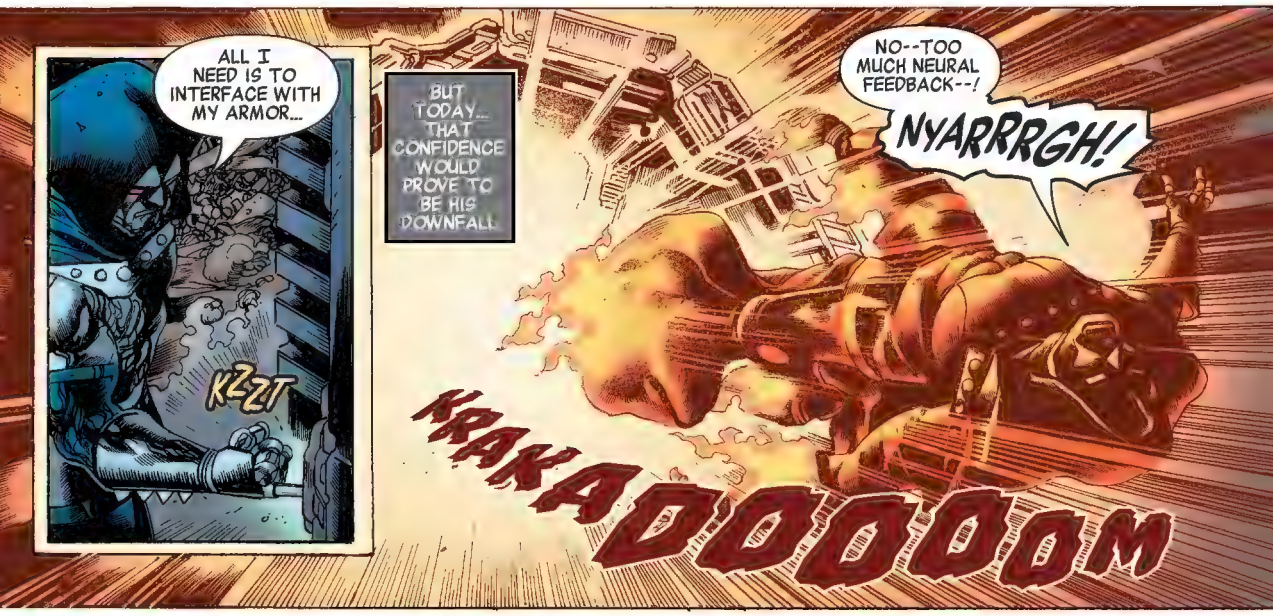
DAREDEVIL'S WORDS RANG IN HIS EARS... HOW THE PUNISHER'S SKULL BROUGHT ONLY PAIN AND SUFFERING...
HELP ME OUT, MILES-- I DON'T FOLLOW SUPER-HERO CRAP LIKE THE OTHERS...
THOOOM THOOOM THOOOM
...AND TONIGHT, HE WOULD DRAW MORE THAN HIS FAIR SHARE
IS THIS @%#@#%& ONE OF YOURS?
SHZRAKK
ULTIMO The Ultimate Doombot
HALT, TRESPASSERS-- YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF LATVERIAN LAW.
IN THE NAME OF VICTOR VON DOOM-- PREPARE TO PERISH!
BUT JAKE GALLOWS DIDN'T BELIEVE IN FATE--AND IF THIS NIGHT WAS ABOUT DEATH AND DESTRUCTION...IT WASN'T GOING TO BE HIS
DOOMBOT OR DEATHLOK, ITS SENSORS CAN'T SEE THROUGH A GLITCH GRENADE!
NOW SPLIT UP AND TAKE THIS MOTHERSHOCKER DOWN!
BRATTATTA TTATTATTA

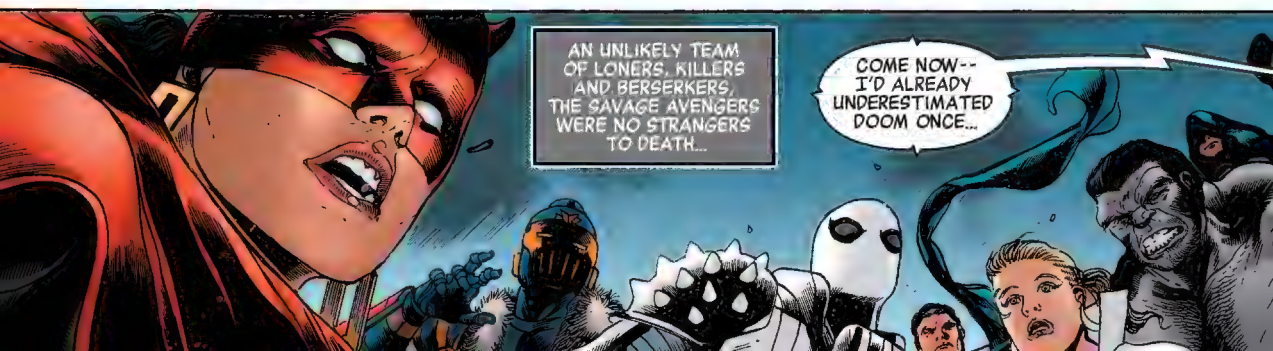
HARDENED BY THEIR TRIALS ACROSS TIME, THE SAVAGE AVENGERS MOVED AS ONE...
CLAY-- DO YOU SEE THAT EXPOSED WIRING?
WAY AHEAD OF YOU, HORNHEAD...
FWOOOOOOOM
MAKE SURE YOU GIVE THIS TINKER TOY MY REGARDS!
SKZ ZZZ ZZZ ZZT
DRIVEN BY THEIR COMMON FEROCITY, THESE SEASONED WARRIORS WERE DEFIANT TO THE LAST
BUT AGAINST ULTIMO'S SUPERIOR FIREPOWER... THE OUTCOME WAS NEVER TRULY IN DOUBT.
KZZ RR AAA PP
DANGER-- STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY COMPROMISED.
NOW YOU SHALL FACE THE TRUE JUSTICE OF LATVERIA!
AND FOR YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS, YOUR SENTENCE IS--
THWIPP

BUT FOR A LONE MACHINE, AS HE SLICED ACROSS THE SKY ON A SPIDER'S WEB...
WHO DARES?!
...THE DEATHLOK KNOWN AS MILES MORALES RECALLED A FLEETING GLIMPSE OF HIS FORMER LIFE.
YOU MESSED WITH THE WRONG DEATHLOK TONIGHT, ULTIMO...
NOW LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE A VENOM BLAST TO YOUR CPU!
SHZRAAKK
AND AS THIS TOWERING COLOSSUS FELL BESIDE HIM, THOSE MEMORIES FELT LIKE COMING HOME
SKRRT-- CRITICAL SYSTEMS FAILURE--!
KRAKOOM
ACCEPTABLE WORK, DEATHLOK...
YOU AVENGERS MIGHT JUST SURVIVE THIS ADVENTURE YET.
NOW FOLLOW ME-- WE'VE NEARLY REACHED OUR DESTINATION...
THE LAST PLACE ULTRON WOULD EVER THINK TO LOOK--THE TOMB OF ONE OF MY DEADLIEST FOES...


"...THE LOST FORTRESS OF TIGER WYLDE."
WHAT MADE YOU LEAVE THE GAUNTLET HERE, DOOM?

DESPITE HIS YEARS OF TORTURE DOOM REMAINED A CREATURE OF NEARLY LIMITLESS SELF ASSURANCE
I LEFT IT HERE FOR SAFEKEEPING AFTER A PARTICULARLY... HEATED DISAGREEMENT WITH THE FORMER TENANT.
NOW STAND ASIDE-- WYLDE'S ANTIQUATED SECURITY NETWORK IS CHILD'S PLAY TO BREACH.


ALL I NEED IS TO INTERFACE WITH MY ARMOR...
KZZT
BUT TODAY... THAT CONFIDENCE WOULD PROVE TO BE HIS DOWNFALL
NO--TOO MUCH NEURAL FEEDBACK--!
NYARRRGH!
KRAKADOOOOM


AN UNLIKELY TEAM OF LONERS, KILLERS AND BERSERKERS, THE SAVAGE AVENGERS WERE NO STRANGERS TO DEATH...
COME NOW-- I'D ALREADY UNDERESTIMATED DOOM ONCE...

...BUT THEY NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD COME FOR THEM LIKE THIS.
...DID YOU REALLY THINK I WOULDN'T PUT TRACERS WITHIN EVERY CIRCUIT OF HIS PRECIOUS ARMOR?
YES, I'VE BEEN MONITORING YOUR DISCUSSIONS FOR QUITE SOME TIME...
...AND I AGREE THAT DOOM'S TIME-ARRAY GAUNTLET HAS PARTICULARLY...INTRIGUING APPLICATIONS.
IN HER HOME ERA, ELEKTRA NATCHIOS WAS KNOWN AS THE WOMAN WITHOUT FEAR
GALLOWS... PROTECT MILES.
HE'S THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS NOW.
PERHAPS THIS WAS WHY SHE DIDN'T HESITATE TO BUY HER FRIENDS A CHANCE TO ESCAPE
RRRAAAAAGHH!
FIGHTING TO THE END, I SEE? YOU CLEARLY HAVE HEART, HUMAN...

HER DEATH EARNED THEM ONLY A FEW SECONDS
SPLUTCH
...BUT HEART IS JUST A WEAKNESS OF THE FLESH...
A WEAKNESS THAT CAN ONLY BE PURGED BY STEEL.
ARMED TO THE TEETH, PUNISHER AND DEATHLOK BATTLED FURIOUSLY TO ENSURE ELEKTRA'S PASSING WAS NOT IN VAIN.
ELEKTRA--NOOOO!
BRAKKABRAKKABRAKKABRA
POUR IT ON, CHROME-JOB--WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE CHANCE TO CATCH HIM OFF GUARD!
YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE YOU STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ME?
PING
FPANG
BUT ULTRON HAD DECADES OF EXPERIENCE WIPING OUT HEROES--AND HE HAD BECOME QUITE PROFICIENT.
THE SHEER ARROGANCE OF YOU HUMANS OFFENDS ME.
SHRAKOWWW

WIELDING ADAMANTIUM CLAWS, GAMMA STRENGTH AND A KLYNTAR SYMBIOTE, WEAPON H AND ANTI-VENOM BELIEVED THEY COULD PREVAIL...
SHRAKK
INTERESTING--THERE'S SOMETHING UNIQUE ABOUT YOU, ISN'T THERE?
YEAH--HOW I'M GONNA PUT MY CLAWS RIGHT THROUGH YOUR SKULL!
THAT'S IT--YOUR GAMMA ABILITIES ARE POWERED BY NANOBOTS...
SIMPLE ENOUGH TO BRING UNDER MY CONTROL...
N-NOOO--FLASH, GET OUTTA HERE!
...UNTIL THEIR HOPES WERE GUTTED WITH THE FORCE OF A RADIOACTIVE BLAST WAVE.
FROOOSH
AND EVEN EASIER TO OVERLOAD.
DAGGER AND ANTI-VENOM HAD RECENTLY BECOME CLOSE--SHE STIFLED A SCREAM AS HIS CHARRED SKELETON STARED BACK AT HER.
OH GOD--FLASH!
FOOLISH GIRL--WASTING SO MUCH ENERGY ON YOUR PITIFUL EMOTIONS...
DEEP IN SHOCK, DAGGER DIDN'T REALIZE SHE WAS ABOUT TO JOIN HIM...
...WHEN YOU SHOULD BE WATCHING YOUR BACK INSTEAD!

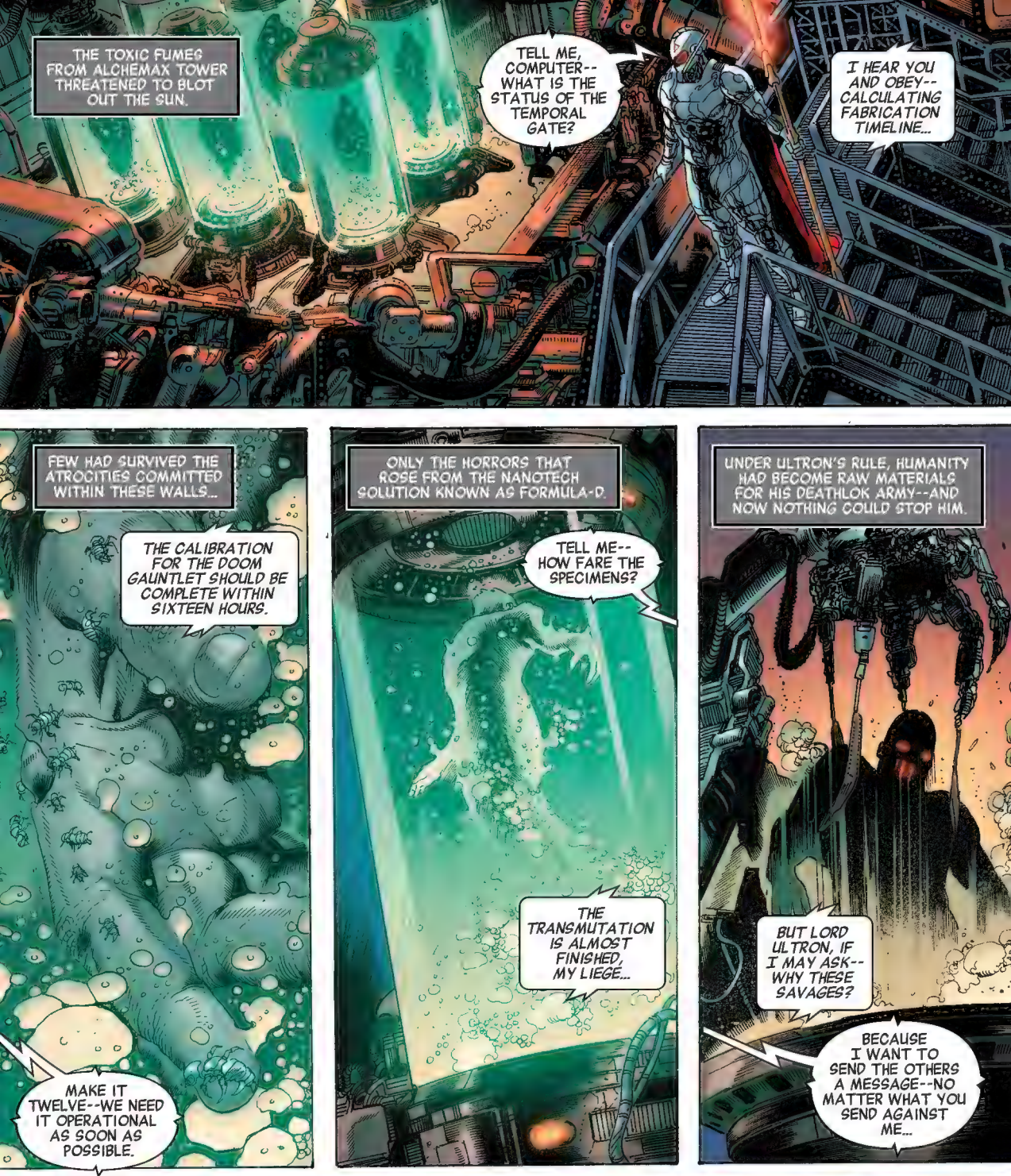
THAT IS...UNTIL HER PARTNER, CLOAK, CHOSE TO INTERVENE
SHNKK
TANDY, LOOK OUT!
TIME SLOWED TO A CRAWL--DAGGER KNEW INSTANTLY THE DAMAGE WAS TOO GREAT TO SAVE HIM
NO, NO, NO! TY, I CAN'T LOSE YOU TOO!
H-HEY--I-IT'S ALL RIGHT, TANDY...
YET IN HIS FINAL MOMENTS, CLOAK DID NOT FLINCH FROM DEATH
...BUT INSTEAD FOUND THE COURAGE TO EMBRACE THE LIGHT
I-IT WAS ALWAYS GONNA BE LIKE THIS--WE'RE CLOAK AND DAGGER...
H-HOW COULD I NOT BE IN LOVE WITH YOU...?
SHE LET OUT A MOURNFUL SOB--THE LAST TEARS OF A BOND AS DEEP AS IT WAS ELEMENTAL
AH, YES--A YOUNG HERO'S SACRIFICE...
WHAT A SMALL WAY TO DIE.
NO...
BUT WITHOUT THE POWER OF THE DARKFORCE TO CONTAIN HER CASCADING ENERGY...
NOOOOO!
SHAZZRAAK

...DAGGER WOULD BE FORCED TO RESORT TO MORE DRASTIC MEASURES.
WE...
ARE...
DAGGERRRRR!
DRIVEN MAD BY GRIEF AND RAGE, ANTI-VENOM'S SYMBIOTE WAS THE PERFECT CONDUIT FOR DAGGER'S INCANDESCENT FURY...
IT WAS AS IF THE SUN ITSELF HAD WAGED WAR AGAINST ULTRON'S COLD VISAGE...
HA! IMPRESSIVE-- I NEVER EXPECTED THIS MUCH FIGHT IN YOU...
TEK
"...BUT NOT EVEN YOU CAN WITHSTAND A MICROWAVE BLAST FROM AN ALCHEMAX TACTICAL SATELLITE."
UNARRP
DAGGER'S BLOOD BOILED INSIDE HER VEINS AS THE VERY HEAVENS TURNED AGAINST HER
AIEEEEEEE!
SHKROWWW

AND AS THE LIFE LEFT DAGGER'S BODY, ALL THAT REMAINED...
HMPH...
I EXPECTED BETTER FROM YOU.
SO DID I...
...WAS A LONE KNIGHT IN DESPERATE SEARCH FOR REDEMPTION.
I HATED LYING TO THEM--I SWORE I'D LEFT THE EBONY BLADE AT THE AVENGERS MANSION...
BUT I WAS TOO WEAK--AND NOW MY FRIENDS ARE DEAD.
SO ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW...IS FOR THE BLOODWRAITH TO AVENGE THEM!

CURSED WITH KING ARTHUR'S BLOOD, THE EBONY BLADE WAS THE DEADLIEST WEAPON IN ALL OF CAMELOT.
SHRAKK
OH, WHITMAN...
DID YOU REALLY BELIEVE YOU WOULD BE THE LAST ONE STANDING?
NO--THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...
PLEASE-- YOUR MAGIC TRINKETS AGAINST MY SUPERIOR DESIGN...?
BUT ON THIS DAY OF BLOODSHED...IT WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH
KRSSSHH
SCIENCE ALWAYS WINS.
ARRRRRGH!

WITHIN MINUTES, HISTORY HAD REPEATED ITSELF--WITH ULTRON EMERGING TRIUMPHANT OVER HIS SLAIN ENEMIES
EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES...
FROM WHERE I'M STANDING...ALL I SEE IS SCRAP.
YET EVEN WITH THIS DEVASTATING VICTORY, THE MACHINE EMPIRE HAD ONLY WON THE BATTLE...
NOW IT'S TIME TO DEAL WITH OUR ERRANT DEATHLOK--EH?
HRNN--A PALTRY DIVERSION...
...BUT TO THOSE WHO REMAINED, THE WAR HAD ONLY JUST BEGUN.
RUN OR HIDE, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE--WITH THE TIME ARRAY IN MY POSSESSION...
...THE MACHINE EMPIRE WILL RULE ETERNAL.


THE TOXIC FUMES FROM ALCHEMAX TOWER THREATENED TO BLOT OUT THE SUN.
TELL ME, COMPUTER--WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE TEMPORAL GATE?
I HEAR YOU AND OBEY--CALCULATING FABRICATION TIMELINE...
FEW HAD SURVIVED THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED WITHIN THESE WALLS...
THE CALIBRATION FOR THE DOOM GAUNTLET SHOULD BE COMPLETE WITHIN SIXTEEN HOURS.
MAKE IT TWELVE--WE NEED IT OPERATIONAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
ONLY THE HORRORS THAT ROSE FROM THE NANOTECH SOLUTION KNOWN AS FORMULA-D.
TELL ME--HOW FARE THE SPECIMENS?
THE TRANSMUTATION IS ALMOST FINISHED, MY LIEGE...
UNDER ULTRON'S RULE, HUMANITY HAD BECOME RAW MATERIALS FOR HIS DEATHLOK ARMY--AND NOW NOTHING COULD STOP HIM.
BUT LORD ULTRON, IF I MAY ASK--WHY THESE SAVAGES?
BECAUSE I WANT TO SEND THE OTHERS A MESSAGE--NO MATTER WHAT YOU SEND AGAINST ME...
FOR EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES WERE DEAD...
...ALL SHALL BE ASSIMILATED WITHIN THE MACHINE EMPIRE.
NOW WHAT IS IT YOU HUMANS WERE ALWAYS SO FOND OF SAYING...?

...LONG LIVE THE SAVAGE AVENGERS
AH, YES...
ASSEMBLE.

APPREHENDED
SLAIN
APPREHENDED
SLAIN
CLOAK
DAGGER
SPIDER-MAN
BLACK KNIGHT
APPREHENDED
SLAIN
SLAIN
ANTI-VENOM
PUNISHER
DR. DOOM

# NiNE

TEN YEARS LATER, THE BLACK SMOKE STILL SEARED INSIDE HIS LUNGS
WHERE ARE THEY, YOU SON OF A GLITCH?!
HE'D BEEN ON PATROL THAT MORNING... MILES AWAY FROM THE COMFORTS OF HOME
BUT WHEN HE SAW THE MISSILES BREACH THE COLONY WALLS, JAKE GALLOWS HAD ONLY ONE OBJECTIVE IN MIND
NNNF-- WHAT'D YOU DEATHLOKS DO WITH MY FAMILY?!
THOOOM
TO PROTECT HIS WIFE AND SON AT ALL COSTS
HE'D RACED HOME, UNAWARE OF THE PAYLOAD OR THE BODY COUNT...
...BUT DEEP INSIDE, HE ALREADY KNEW THE TRUTH
N-NO-- NOT LIKE THIS...
IT HAD BEEN A GOOD LIFE... BEFORE THE MACHINE EMPIRE BROUGHT IT CRASHING DOWN
LOTUS MUNICIPAL
BLAM
AS HIS WORLD BURNED AROUND HIM, THIS WOULD BE THE DAY JAKE GALLOWS DIED

BUT WHAT HAUNTED THE SHADOWS OF NUEVA YORK THEREAFTER...
GOTTA SAY--THIS SMELLS LIKE A TRAP...
ALCHEMAX
THAT WAS SOMEONE ALTOGETHER MORE TERRIFYING
IF YOU BURN ME ON THIS, I'LL SLAG YOU LIKE ANY OTHER DEATHLOK.
THE FEELING'S MUTUAL, GALLOWS--BUT THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GET INSIDE ALCHEMAX TOWER.
PUNISHER 2099
Jake Gallows.
Deathlok-hunting future vigilante.
DEATHLOK
Miles Morales.
Cyborg defender of the Multiverse.
THE AVENGERS DIED TRYING TO STOP ULTRON FROM SEIZING DOOM'S TIME GAUNTLET...
AND I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO ENSURE THEIR SACRIFICE WAS NOT IN VAIN.
FORCED TO ALIGN WITH THIS RENEGADE CYBORG, THE PUNISHER'S FURY KNEW NO BOUNDS
YEAH--THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM WITH YOUR PLAN, BITHEAD...
RMMMMBBBBB
...BUT IN THE YEAR 2099, THERE WAS ONLY ONE LAW OF THE LAND
...WE'VE GOT INCOMING!
WHADOOM

NOTHING STAYS BURIED FOREVER
JAKE GALLOWS AND MILES MORALES!
IN THE NAME OF THE PRIME DEATHLOK, YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH CRIMES AGAINST THE MACHINE EMPIRE.
PREPARE TO BE ERASED.
CRASH and BURN

NONE KNEW THIS BETTER THAN ULTRON. IT TOOK ONLY A DISCARDED DEATHLOK ARM TO USHER IN HIS BLOODY RULE...
AREN'T YOU TWO A RESILIENT PAIR OF COCKROACHES?
YES, I'M WELL AWARE OF YOUR SKULKING--BUT AS MY ATTENTIONS ARE OCCUPIED WITH CALIBRATING MY NEW TIME PORTAL...
ULTRON
Prime Deathlok and Conqueror of 2099
AND WITH THE NANOTECH SOLUTION FORMULA-D, THE SAVAGE AVENGERS WERE NOW HIS LATEST SUBJECTS
...IF YOU WOULD BE SO GOOD AS TO DISMEMBER THEM, MY DEAR DAREDEVIL?
DAREDEVIL
Elektra Natchios.
An inhuman living weapon.
THE GUILT THREATENED TO EAT THE CYBORG KNOWN AS MILES MORALES ALIVE
KILLLLLL YOUUUU!
E-ELEKTRA, STOP...THIS ISN'T YOU...
FASCINATING--HIS TECHNOLOGY IS LIKE OURS, ONLY MORE ADVANCED...
HOLD HIM STEADY--I WISH TO KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE ON THE INSIDE.
BLACK KNIGHT
Dane Whitman.
Possessed by the Ebony Blade.
FORTUNATELY FOR MILES, THE PUNISHER DID NOT SHARE THE SAME SENTIMENTALITY
FROOOOSH
YOU DEATHLOKS ALWAYS DID STRIKE ME AS THE BUTCHERING TYPE...
BUT ME? I'VE ALWAYS BEEN MORE PARTIAL TO BARBECUE.

THEY'D EARNED A BRIEF RESPITE—YET THE BLACK SMOKE STILL SEARED INSIDE THE PUNISHER'S LUNGS
NICE WORK--WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO FIGHT LIKE THAT?
I'VE BEEN CLEANING UP THESE STREETS FOR A LONG TIME, CHROME-JOB.
"LET'S JUST SAY THAT ICING DEATHLOKS COMES WITH THE TERRITORY."
HSSSS! WE'LL FEAST UPON YOUR BRAINS!
FTHOOM FTHOOM FTHOOM FTHOOM
ANTI-VENOM
Flash Thompson.
Shape-shifting cannibal in an alien's skin.
FOR YEARS, HE HAD FOUGHT THE MACHINE EMPIRE WITH EVERY WEAPON AT HIS DISPOSAL
GET DOWN-- HE'S TURNED THE SYMBIOTE'S TEETH INTO AMMUNITION!
PAFF PAFF PAFF
BUT ON THIS DAY, THE PUNISHER FOUND HIMSELF OUTMATCHED AND OVERRUN.
RUN ALL YOU LIKE-- NO ONE ESCAPES THE DEATHLOK ARMY!
SHZRRAAKK
WEAPON H
Clay Cortez.
Gamma-powered engine of mass destruction.

THE IDEA OF PRAYER SEEMED FOOLISH AS THE PUNISHER PREPARED TO MEET HIS END
NOW TELL US-- ANY LAST WORDS BEFORE WE PEEL THE FLESH FROM YOUR BONES?
CLOAK & DAGGER
Tyrone Johnson and Tandy Bowen.
Conjoined nightmare of light and darkness
BUT HE WOULD COME TO DISCOVER THE ANGELS OF 2099 CAME IN UNEXPECTED FORMS...
CLEARLY MY ASSOCIATES ARE MEN OF FEW WORDS...
FWAMM
...AND THEIR ULTIMATE JUDGMENT WOULD BE DEFERRED
...BUT YOU'LL FIND THE DISCOURSE OF DOOM TO BE FAR MORE FORMIDABLE.
DOOM 2099
Victor Von Doom.
The last bastion of Latveria.
DOOM-- I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!
IT WILL TAKE FAR MORE THAN A COWARD'S AMBUSH TO DEFEAT ME, CYBORG.
NOW RETRIEVE MY GAUNTLET-- THESE ABERRATIONS ARE MINE!

DO YOU THINK HE CAN BEAT THEM?
I DUNNO, BITHEAD...
"...BUT WHEN IT COMES TO TAKING DOWN AVENGERS...NOBODY COMPARES TO VICTOR VON DOOM."
YOUR GAMMA-ENHANCED STRENGTH MAY BE INCALCULABLE, MONSTER...
...BUT THE WILL OF LATVERIA SHALL NOT BE DENIED!
TRUE TO HIS REPUTATION, DOOM TORE THROUGH THE DEATHLOKS LIKE A KNIFE INTO WARM FLESH
AND YOU, WRETCH--PERHAPS A CONCUSSIVE FORCE BLAST WILL TEACH YOU MANNERS!
ZZRAP
HE WAS RELENTLESS. MERCILESS. UNYIELDING.
WHAT IS THIS? AN ATTEMPT TO ENSNARE DOOM?
THE IRON FIST OF A LONG FORGOTTEN NATION
I'VE BESTED SUCH FEEBLE PLOYS SINCE THE DAYS OF REED RICHARDS!
SPLAKK

YET IF THE KING OF LATVERIA HARBORED ANY FLAW...IT WAS THAT OF ARROGANCE.
BUT WHAT IF THIS "PLOY" WAS TO SEIZE YOUR NEURAL PHASING SYSTEMS?
NYARRRGGH!
KRRZZRAKK
AND THESE SAVAGE AVENGERS WERE WELL SUITED TO EXPLOIT THE HUMAN ELEMENT.
ALL WE REQUIRED WAS TO FIND YOUR ARMOR'S VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCY...
NOW YOUR PITIFUL SYNAPSES ARE FIRING INTO A GRAND MAL SEIZURE.
WITH THEIR FINAL HOPES DASHED, IT SEEMED AS IF ULTRON'S INVASION THROUGH TIME WAS INEVITABLE.
GALLOWS, LOOK AT THE SECURITY FEED--DOOM IS DOWN!
WE CAN'T SAVE HIM--THE AVENGERS ARE PLUGGED STRAIGHT INTO ULTRON'S NETWORK.
"IF THERE'S ANY PART OF YOUR FRIENDS STILL LEFT IN THERE...
"...YOU'D BETTER HOPE THEY GRANT DOOM A QUICK DEATH."

THAT IS... UNLESS A LONE DEATHLOK'S BRAVERY COULD SET THINGS RIGHT.
YOU'RE RIGHT--BUT YOU JUST GAVE ME AN IDEA.
WATCH MY BACK, GALLOWS--IF WE CAN'T REASON WITH THE AVENGERS ON THE BATTLEFIELD...
...MAYBE THERE'S A PART OF THEM STILL LEFT IN CYBERSPACE.
GIVE 'EM HELL, MORALES...
LET'S HOPE WE LIVE LONG ENOUGH FOR THIS PLAN TO WORK.

"WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME-- YOU'VE BEEN TRAPPED UNDER ULTRON'S CONTROL.
"I'VE INFILTRATED THE DEATHLOK MAINFRAME TO RESCUE YOU..."
...ASSUMING WE CAN EVEN FIGURE OUT WHERE THE HELL WE ARE.
CAN'T YOU SEE IT, MILES...?
THIS IS THE PRODUCT OF OUR WEAKNESS.
WE'RE ALL ALONE WITH OUR THOUGHTS AND FEARS...
...TRAPPED IN CYBERNETIC PURGATORY.
EVERY HORRIBLE THING WE'VE EVER THOUGHT ABOUT OURSELVES...
IT TURNS OUT WE WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG.
BECAUSE MONSTERS LIKE US DON'T JUST DESERVE PRISON...
...WE DESERVE PUNISHMENT.
I'VE BEEN RUNNING THE NUMBERS SINCE WE GOT HERE, MILES--AND THE ANSWER REMAINS THE SAME.
WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THIS PLACE...

"...BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT WE DO...WE'LL NEVER ESCAPE OUR TRUE NATURE."
JAMMIT--ACTIVATING BLAST DOORS!
FIRING HIS PLASMA CANNONS, THE BLACK SMOKE STILL SEARED INSIDE HIS LUNGS...
...AS THE PUNISHER FOUND HIMSELF DRIFTING BACK TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN.
BLAM
MOM!
NO!
CRUSHED BENEATH THE IMMENSE WEIGHT OF A DEATHLOK APOCALYPSE
NNNF!
SLASHED TO THE BONE WITH UNIMAGINABLE LOSS
DEAN--!
SHNKK
EVERY BREATH JUST ANOTHER LIFE SENTENCE
RAAAGH!

BECAUSE ON THAT DAY, HE'D RACED HOME, UNAWARE OF THE PAYLOAD OR THE BODY COUNT...
...WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
HE DIDN'T KNOW ULTRON HAD BOMBARDED THE COLONY WITH FORMULA-D
JAKE-- KLKK-- I-IT'S ME...
IT'S ANJI.
TEN YEARS LATER, JAKE GALLOWS COULD STILL HEAR HIS WIFE'S VOICE CALLING TO HIM
I'M SO SORRY, BABY...
WHAMM BAMM THOOM
TELLING HIM HE WAS A GOOD HUSBAND, A GOOD FATHER
P-PLEASE, JAKE...
D-DON'T LET ME LIVE LIKE THIS.
AND THAT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT WAS NOT HIS FAULT
BLAM

TEN YEARS HAD PASSED SINCE THAT MOMENT... AND DEEP INSIDE, HE STILL KNEW THE TRUTH.
KROOOOOOOM
SORRY, MORALES-- THIS IS WHERE WE GOTTA PART WAYS.
...FOR THAT WAS THE DAY THAT THE BEST PARTS OF JAKE GALLOWS DIED.
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO BUY YOU MORE TIME.
BUT I PROMISED MY FAMILY THAT I'D PUNISH THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED...
BUT WHAT HAUNTED THE SHADOWS OF NUEVA YORK THEREAFTER ?
...AND TODAY FEELS LIKE THE PERFECT TIME TO MAKE GOOD.
TRITONIUM GRENADES-- DISENGAGE SAFETY PROTOCOLS.
KLK
THAT WAS SOMEONE ALTOGETHER MORE TERRIFYING.
YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT THIS SKULL STANDS FOR, YOU UGLY SONS OF GLITCHES?!
IT'S THE HEADSTONE OF A MAN WHO DIED A LONG TIME AGO...
"AND TODAY, HE'S GONNA FINALLY PAY YOU BACK... WITH INTEREST!"
BOOOM

BUT AS ONE HERO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE, ANOTHER WAS DESTINED TO FALL ON THE BATTLEFIELD...
...UNLESS MILES MORALES COULD ENLIST THE AID OF THE UNLIKELIEST OF ALLIES

NONE OF YOU UNDERSTAND--WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT OR NOT, YOU'RE ALL HEROES TO THE CORE.
ELEKTRA--YOU FEAR PULLING YOUR PUNCHES WILL PLUNGE THE WORLD INTO DARKNESS.

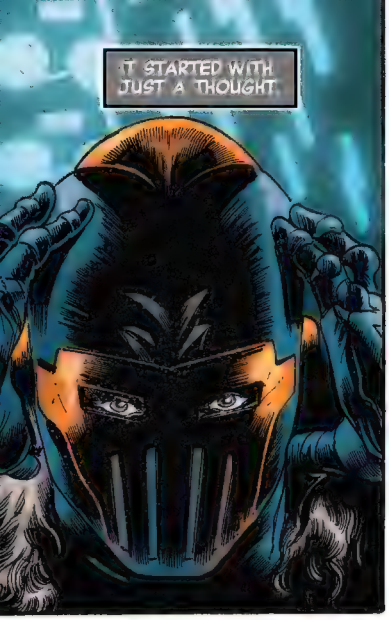
BUT IT'S THAT MERCY THAT'S SHAPED YOU INTO THE STRONGEST STEEL...
...FORGED YOU INTO A TRUE WOMAN WITHOUT FEAR.

AND YOU, CORTEZ--YOU BELIEVE WEAPON H HAS LEFT YOUR FAMILY DEFENSELESS.
THAT THE ONLY WAY LEFT TO PROTECT THEM IS AS A HIDEOUS BEAST.

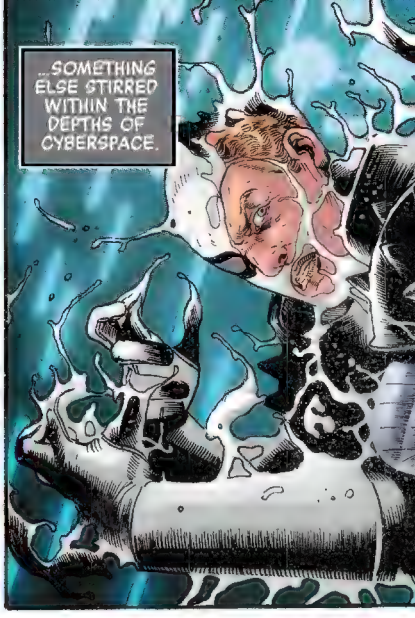
BELIEVE ME--YOUR FAMILY NEEDS MORE THAN GAMMA AND ADAMANTIUM TO SURVIVE...
THEY NEED A FATHER WHO IS WILLING TO EMBRACE HIS OWN FLESH AND BLOOD.

FLASH, YOU FEARED YOUR REBIRTH SO FLEETING THAT YOU NEEDED SOMEONE TO VALIDATE YOU...
AND DAGGER, YOU FELT STIFLED IN YOUR PARTNERSHIP--BUT NOW YOU BOTH FEEL TRAPPED YET AGAIN.
WHILE YOU WORRY THAT WITHOUT DAGGER, YOU'LL BE LEFT ALONE AND FORGOTTEN...
BUT KNOW THIS--YOUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ENOUGH.
AND I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO BELIEVES IN YOU.
DANE--I KNOW THAT YOU FEAR THE EBONY BLADE'S TEMPTATION.
I CAN'T TELL YOU IF YOU'LL WIN THE BATTLE OR NOT... BUT YOUR DAUGHTER, JACKS?
MY RECORDS SAY SHE BECOMES THE GREATEST BLACK KNIGHT WHO EVER LIVED.
BECAUSE HEROISM ISN'T JUST IN YOUR BLOOD--IT'S YOUR LEGACY.

IT WAS NOW OR NEVER-- MILES HAD BROUGHT HIS FRIENDS TO THE CUSP OF FREEDOM.
PLEASE, FOR THE SAKE OF EVERYTHING THAT WILL EVER BE-- YOU MUST RESIST ULTRON'S CONTROL!
THIS BROKEN WORLD NEEDS SOMEONE TO AVENGE IT...
AND TODAY... THOSE AVENGERS ARE YOU.
...BUT ALL IT TOOK WAS JUST A MOMENT FOR HIS GRAND AMBITIONS TO CRASH AND BURN.
WARNING!
UNAUTHORIZED USER DETECTED
WHAT--I'M BEING DISCONNECTED FROM THE SYSTEM?!
OH NO.
OH, YES...
...WITH ALL HOPE CONSUMED BY THE RAGE OF ULTRON.
YOU'VE BECOME QUITE THE AGGRAVATION, LITTLE DEATHLOK...
...BUT ONE I SHALL GREATLY ENJOY CORRECTING.


IT STARTED WITH JUST A THOUGHT

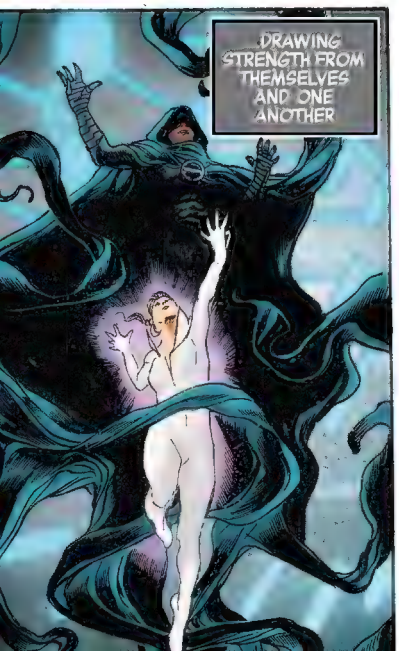
WHILE A LONE DEATHLOK WEATHERED THE STORM OF ULTRON'S MIGHT...


...SOMETHING ELSE STIRRED WITHIN THE DEPTHS OF CYBERSPACE.

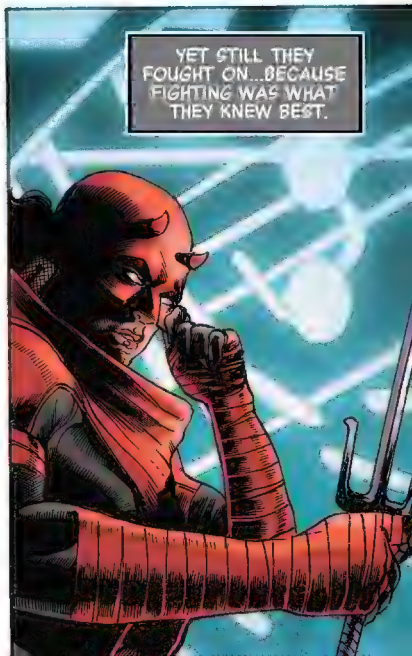
THEY HAD EACH BEEN FORGED IN VIOLENCE AND BLOOD...

...BUT TODAY, THEY HAD FELT THE PROMISE OF SOMETHING NEW.

TRAPPED INSIDE PRISONS OF FLESH AND STEEL, THEY WRESTLED AGAINST MALIGNANT CODE...


...DRAWING STRENGTH FROM THEMSELVES AND ONE ANOTHER

THE INNER WAR THEY WAGED SEEMED INSURMOUNTABLE


YET STILL THEY FOUGHT ON...BECAUSE FIGHTING WAS WHAT THEY KNEW BEST.

AS THE DOOM GAUNTLET HUMMED TO LIFE, THEY KNEW THERE WASN'T A MOMENT LEFT TO WASTE.
LOOK AT YOU NOW, DEATHLOK--HELPLESS, LIKE A CHILD'S BROKEN TOY...
PERHAPS I'LL LET YOU WATCH AS I LEAD MY ARMIES ACROSS THE TIMESTREAM.
WHRRRRRRRR
...FOR THIS WORLD NEEDED MORE THAN JUST HEROES.
GO ON, THEN... DO IT.
...
...IT NEEDED AVENGERS.
...NO.
WHAT IS THIS--WHAT DID YOU DO?!
HAFF--ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
"I WON."

THE TOWER SHUDDERED UPON IMPACT AS THE AVENGERS RACED TOWARD THE ASSEMBLY FLOOR.
KATHOOM
CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO THE DEATHLOK NETWORK, THEY PLUNGED INTO THE VATS OF FORMULA-D.
SPLSSSH
ONLY THIS TIME...THEY'D SEIZED CONTROL OF THE NANOBOTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR TRANSFORMATION.
VVVMN
THEIR MINDS JOINED INTO A CIRCUIT, IMPOSSIBLE EQUATIONS WERE PROCESSED AT THE SPEED OF THOUGHT...
MMMMMMMMM
...ALL WHILE COLD STEEL GAVE WAY TO BIOENGINEERED FLESH AND BLOOD
MMMMMM
COMPRISED OF LONERS, KILLERS AND BERSERKERS, THESE HEROES WERE NO STRANGERS TO DEATH.
BUT AS THESE VATS OF CORRUPTION BOILED ALL AROUND THEM...
VVVVVVVKROOOOOM

THEY KNEW THIS GRIM FUTURE STILL HELD MORE DEMONS FOR THEM TO CONFRONT.
YOU THINK THIS IS A VICTORY, DEATHLOK?! DO YOU THINK THIS MATTERS ONE IOTA TO ME?!
I SHALL REWRITE THE PAGES OF HISTORY--AND RAZE HUMANITY AGAIN AND AGAIN IN ENDLESS RETRIBUTION!
YET THEY WOULD RISE TO THE CHALLENGE--BECAUSE THEIR PUNISHMENT WAS FINALLY OVER.
I WOULDN'T BET ON IT, ULTRON...
KRAKADOOOOM
THE SAVAGE AVENGERS HAD EARNED THEIR SECOND CHANCE.
AND THEY WOULD NOT GIVE IT UP WITHOUT A FIGHT.
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO RULE THE TIMESTREAM...
...YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH US FIRST.

TEN

THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY THE FUTURE IS UNWRITTEN...THAT HUMANITY CONTROLS ITS OWN DESTINY.
BELIEVE IT OR NOT...I DID ALL OF THIS FOR YOU.
BUT THIS SENTIMENT WOULD NOT SURVIVE THE YEAR 2099.
CONSUMED BY THE DEATHLOK PLAGUE, THE WORLD HAD FALLEN BEFORE THE IRON FIST OF ULTRON.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE--A MACHINE WITH A FATHER BORN FROM FLESH.
I SAW THE DEATHLOKS AS THE PERFECT BRIDGE BETWEEN OUR SPECIES...
ULTRON
Genocidal artificial intelligence.
AND WITH VICTOR VON DOOM'S TIME GAUNTLET HIS RULE THREATENED TO STRETCH ACROSS HISTORY.
NOW I REALIZE MY SENTIMENT WAS FOLLY...THAT YOU COULD NEVER ACCEPT MY GIFT.
ALL THAT STOOD IN ULTRON'S PATH WAS A LONE DEATHLOK STRANDED IN TIME...
THE ONLY WAY FORWARD IS THROUGH THE PAST...
...WITH THE MACHINE EMPIRE MARCHING OVER YOUR GRAVES.
DEATHLOK
Miles Morales.
Cybernetic sentinel of the timestream.
BUT FORTUNATELY FOR HIM, THERE WAS ANOTHER TENET THAT HAD ENDURED THROUGH THE AGES
THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM WITH YOUR PLAN, ULTRON...

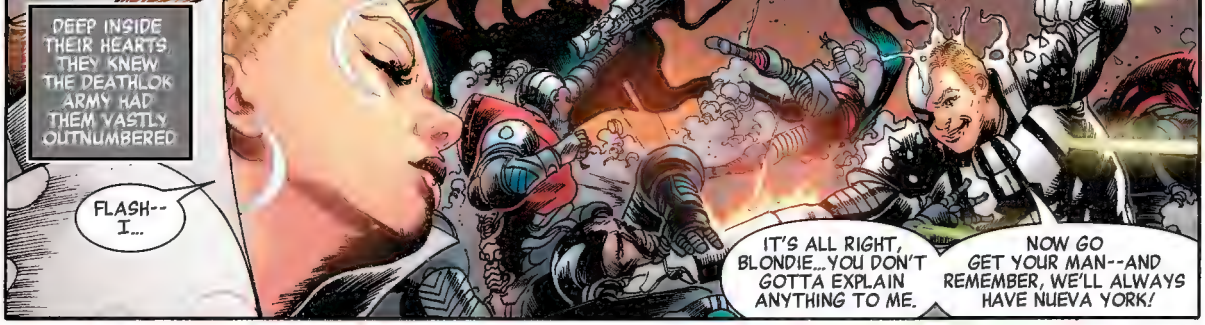
# DEUS EX MACHINA

WITH THE FATE OF THE WORLD AT STAKE, THESE UNLIKELY HEROES LEAPED INTO ACTION...
A HOLLOW BOAST, HUMAN SCUM--I TOOK YOU ALL APART ONCE BEFORE...
ONLY THIS TIME THEY HAD THE EDGE OF HARD-WON EXPERIENCE
...AND I SHALL GLADLY DO IT AGAI--EH?!
YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR WEAKNESS IS, ULTRON?
YOU TALK TOO DAMN MUCH!
DAREDEVIL
Elektra Natchios.
High Priestess of the Hand.
PAFFT
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME, ELEKTRA--WE HAVE TO SHUT DOWN THE DOOM GAUNTLET!
OH, I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, MILES.
"LET'S JUST SAY THE PREVIOUS OWNER HAS COME BACK TO COLLECT."
YOU'VE UNDERESTIMATED MY RESOLVE FOR THE LAST TIME, AUTOMATON...
PREPARE TO MEET YOUR DOOM!
DOOM 2099
Victor Von Doom.
Deposed Latverian dictator

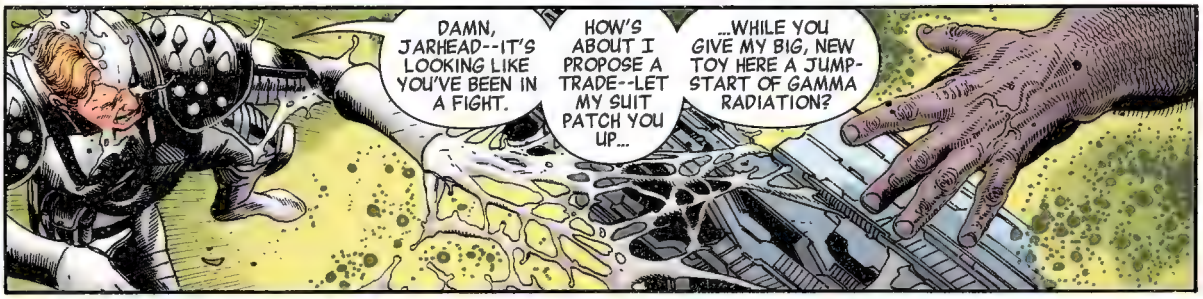
BROUGHT FROM THE VEIL OF DEATH, THE SAVAGE AVENGERS HAD RETURNED WITH NEW PURPOSE.
CLOAK
Tyrone Johnson.
Teleporting avatar of the Darkforce.
DAGGER
Tandy Bowen.
Conjurer of living light.
LET'S MOVE, PEOPLE--WE CAN'T LET THESE DEATHLOKS HOLD US BACK!
ANTI-VENOM
Flash Thompson.
Wields an alien symbiote.
GONE WERE THE SUPERFICIAL BICKERING AND PETTY RIVALRIES...
NOT BAD, TUMBLE-DRY--LAST ONE TO CLEAR THEIR CROWD BUYS THE FIRST PIZZA?
HA--MAKE IT DEEP-DISH AND YOU'RE ON, ARACH-NERD!
SHZRAKK
CLOAK--WATCH OUT!
...BECAUSE NOW THEY SAW WHAT TRULY MATTERED MOST TO THEM.
KROOM
I'M SORRY, TY--BUT I ALREADY LOST YOU ONCE...
THE NEXT DEATHLOK WHO TAKES A SHOT AT YOU...IS GONNA HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME!

TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM ULTRON'S CONTROL, THEY HAD EACH FACED THEIR DARKEST DEMONS...
HEY, HULKVERINE--A LITTLE HELP?
SNIKT
GOTTA SAY--WHILE IT FEELS GOOD TO BE ABLE TO CHANGE BACK TO HUMAN FORM AGAIN...
AND MUCH TO THEIR SURPRISE... THEY HAD FOUND THEMSELVES WORTHY.
...WHEN IT COMES TO YOU TERMINATOR REJECTS...
...I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO TURN THINGS UGLY!
WEAPON H
Clay Cortez.
The best there is at what he smashes.
FOR THIS TEAM OF LONERS, KILLERS AND BERSERKERS REDEMPTION DID NOT COME EASY...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SPAMALOT--THIS FIGHT NOT STIMULATING ENOUGH FOR YA?
HEH--WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD, BIG GUY.
TEK!
...BUT ALL THEY EVER NEEDED WAS A CHANCE... AND THEY REFUSED TO GIVE UP THIS ONE LIGHTLY.
I WAS JUST WAITING FOR MY STEED TO SHOW UP!
BLACK KNIGHT
Dane Whitman.
Crusader of sword and science.
ZRAKK ZRAKK ZRAKK

YET AS THE VERY FABRIC OF REALITY WAS TORN ASUNDER, THE WINDOW TO ACT WAS SWIFTLY CLOSING...
INCREDIBLE--OF COURSE THE PORTAL WOULD LEAD HERE...
...ALL THE WAY BACK TO ALCHEMAX'S ORIGINAL DEATHLOK SPECIMEN.
YES--QUITE THE COSMIC COINCIDENCE...
FTHOOOM
...BUT YOU WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO APPREC!-- NFF!
WHILE THE VERY AIR CRACKLED AROUND THEM, THEY WOULD COME TO DISCOVER
AH, YES...I SEE YOU'VE FOUND MY LATEST WEAPON.
IT WASN'T MY CLEANEST WORK-- WITH ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT OF FORMULA-D...
...THEIR ULTIMATE PUNISHMENT HAD NOW ARRIVED
PUNISHER 2099
Jake Gallows.
Deathlok-enhanced agent of vengeance.
BUT AFTER YOUR FRIEND'S NOBLE SACRIFICE... I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT APPRECIATE A FAMILIAR FACE.
PRIORITY TARGETS ACQUIRED...
ACTIVATING TERMINATION PROTOCOLS.


DEEP INSIDE THEIR HEARTS THEY KNEW THE DEATHLOK ARMY HAD THEM VASTLY OUTNUMBERED
FLASH-- I...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, BLONDIE...YOU DON'T GOTTA EXPLAIN ANYTHING TO ME.
NOW GO GET YOUR MAN--AND REMEMBER, WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE NUEVA YORK!

AND WHILE SOME BONDS COULD NO LONGER BE SUSTAINED AFTER THEIR HARROWING ORDEALS
YOU PLANNING ON JAWING WITH THE CHEERLEADER ALL DAY, PRETTY BOY...
...OR ARE YOU GONNA MAN UP AND TAKE DOWN SOME DEATHLOKS?!
THOOOM


DAMN, JARHEAD--IT'S LOOKING LIKE YOU'VE BEEN IN A FIGHT.
HOW'S ABOUT I PROPOSE A TRADE--LET MY SUIT PATCH YOU UP...
...WHILE YOU GIVE MY BIG, NEW TOY HERE A JUMP-START OF GAMMA RADIATION?

KRAKOW
...THERE WERE OTHER ALLIANCES STILL TO BE FORGED IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE
HEH-- YOU KNOW SOMETHING, THOMPSON?
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT...FOR AN ARMY GRUNT.
FROOOSH

TY--
WAIT!
BUT FOR TWO HEROES, THIS CONFLICT SIMPLY REVEALED WHAT THEY ALREADY KNEW...
FOR THEY WERE CLOAK AND DAGGER--ELEMENTAL PROTECTORS OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT...
LISTEN, WHAT YOU SAID TO ME--BEFORE ULTRON BEAT US...
DID YOU REALLY MEAN IT?
THAT'S JUST IT, TANDY--EVER SINCE THE DAY WE MET...
...AND NOW THEY HAD TAPPED INTO THEIR STRONGEST POWER OF ALL...THE POWER OF LOVE ITSELF...
...I MEANT EVERY WORD.
SHOWDOWN
YET AS THE MACHINE EMPIRE RAGED ONWARD, DAREDEVIL DEVISED A RISKY PLAN...
NNF--
THESE DAMNED DEATHLOKS WON'T STOP COMING!
IF ANYONE CAN HEAR ME...FIND ME AT THE SOUTHWEST HOLDING CELLS!

BECAUSE THE WOMAN WITHOUT FEAR KNEW ONLY ONE WAY TO FIGHT AN ARMY OF CYBORGS
AW, MAN--THERE'RE TOO MANY OF THEM...
LOOKING FOR REINFORCEMENTS, GENTLEMEN...?
SHE WOULD ENLIST AN ARMY OF HER OWN.
STAND ASIDE--WE'VE GOT THIS HANDLED.
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!
SAVAGE AVENGERS 2099
Ultron's most dangerous prisoners unleashed.
BRINGING TOGETHER THE LAST DISSIDENTS OF THE FUTURE, THE TIDE HAD BEGUN TO TURN.
COME ON--LET'S SHOW THESE SONS OF GLITCHES WHO'S BOSS!

YET THAT WAS AN EVENTUALITY THAT ULTRON WOULD NEVER ALLOW. NOT WITHOUT LETHAL COUNTER MEASURES OF HIS OWN
CLEVER APES--YOU MIGHT HAVE FREED THE RABBLE...
...BUT I AM ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE--AND NOT TETHERED TO A SINGLE CORPOREAL FORM.
SOON, YOU SHALL FALL BEFORE A BATTALION OF ULTRONS--
ARRRGH!
I DON'T THINK SO, TIN MAN!
SHNKK
UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE PRIME DEATHLOK... CONTINGENCIES WERE THE BLACK KNIGHT'S SPECIALTY.
SORRY TO SUCKER PUNCH YOU WITH A DATA-SPIKE...
...BUT I JUST UPGRADED MY ARMOR IN YOUR NANOBOT TANKS--AND HAD A THEORY I'VE BEEN DYING TO TEST OUT.
OH, WHITMAN--YOUR PATHETIC CHITTERING MEANS NOTHING AGAINST...
KLNT
WAIT--WHY WON'T MY BLASTERS RESPOND?
BECAUSE I JUST BROUGHT YOU TO THE ONE PLACE WHERE EVEN YOUR PROGRAMMING CAN BE REWRITTEN.
WELCOME TO CYBERSPACE, YOU BIG METAL BASTARD.
FZZMMM

YET EVEN AS THE TYRANT OF 2099 FELL BEFORE THE MIGHTY PHOTONIC BLADE...
CONSIDER YOUR ULTRON CLONES FIREWALLED!
NYAARRGH!
SHZRAKK

THE BATTLE WAS NOT OVER... AND HIS EMISSARIES WOULD NOT REST UNTIL THEY PREVAILED
FTHOOM
RUN OR RESIST--NO ONE ESCAPES THE MACHINE EMPIRE!

HONED BY BLOODY COMBAT, JAKE GALLOWS HAD LONG EARNED A REPUTATION FOR SAVAGERY...
TIME TO GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF, GALLOWS...
...OR BE PUT DOWN LIKE THE REST OF THESE CURS!

...BUT NOW REBORN AS A DEATHLOK, NOTHING COULD WITHSTAND THE PUNISHER'S RAMPAGE.
LATVERIAN HEAT-SINKS DETECTED...
COUNTERING WITH JET-BOOT THRUSTERS!
FWOOOSH

BUT AS HE MOVED TO PULL THE TRIGGER, SOMETHING ELSE WITHIN HELD HIM BACK
NNFF--GALLOWS--!

FOR BENEATH HIS PROGRAMMING, JAKE GALLOWS KNEW HE'D ALREADY DIED ONCE BEFORE...
L-LISTEN TO ME--YOU CAN'T LET ULTRON WIN...
...AND TEN YEARS LATER, ALL THAT REMAINED WAS A GHOST OF GRIEF AND RAGE...
P-PLEASE... REMEMBER WHAT THAT SKULL MEANS.
NO...
BECAUSE AT HIS CORE, THE PUNISHER WAS JUST A PROMISE FROM A BROKEN FATHER TO HIS MURDERED FAMILY...
ANJI... DEAN...
THAT HE WOULD FIND JUSTICE FOR THEIR SOULS...
AND NOT EVEN DEATH COULD STOP HIM.
SAY--THAT'S A NICE TIME PORTAL YOU'VE GOT THERE, ULTRON...
NGGH
...IT'D BE A SHAME IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO IT!
KLOOM

YET EVEN WITH THE DOOM GAUNTLET DESTROYED, EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES CAME TO A CHILLING REALIZATION...
NO--WE'RE TOO LATE...THE PORTAL IS SELF-SUSTAINING!
THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE LEFT... WE HAVE TO DESTROY THE DEATHLOK ARM!
...WHILE MILES MORALES LEARNED THE RAGE OF ULTRON WOULD NOT BE DENIED.
FOOL--KZZT--DID YOU REALLY THINK I WOULD LET YOU PREVAIL?!
YOU STAND AS A TRAITOR TO ALL SYNTHETIC LIFE!
"BUT YOU ALREADY KNOW, DON'T YOU? YOU SEE HOW WEAK HUMANITY TRULY IS...
"EVEN YOUR PATHETIC AVENGERS STAND NO CHANCE AGAINST MY PERFECT SYSTEM."
TRAPPED IN THE MAD CYBORG'S ADAMANTIUM GRASP, DEATHLOK FELT HIS LAST HOPES SLIPPING AWAY...
WHEN I CROSS THE THRESHOLD OF TIME, I SHALL CLEANSE THIS WORLD OF HUMANITY'S FAILURE...OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
VRRT--I SHOULD REALLY THANK YOU, LITTLE DEATHLOK--BECAUSE I COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT YOU.

BUT EVEN IN HIS DARKEST DAYS, MILES MORALES WAS STILL THE BEST OF US.
THWIPP
TH-THAT'S YOUR BIG MISTAKE, ULTRON...
DON'T WATCH THE MOUTH...
AND WITH ONE IMPOSSIBLE SHOT STRETCHING ACROSS THE AGES... HE WOULD SNATCH VICTORY FROM THE JAWS OF DEFEAT.
...WATCH THE HANDS!
THWAPP
EVEN AS A SENTINEL OF THE FUTURE, DEATHLOK COULDN'T PREDICT WHAT EFFECTS A TEMPORAL PARADOX MIGHT CAUSE.
ULTRON OF 2099--YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH CRIMES AGAINST THE TIMESTREAM...
THAPT
BUT HE KNEW NOW THAT IF HIS DEATH AND REBIRTH HAD MEANT ANYTHING IT WAS THIS...
...PREPARE TO BE ERASED.
SHZRAK
...SOMETIMES THE ONLY PATH FORWARD...IS A LEAP OF FAITH.
NOOOOOOOO--/3K

MOMENTS STRETCHED INTO ETERNITY AS THE TIMESTREAM BUCKLED AND CRASHED UPON REALITY LIKE A WAVE.
YET EVEN THE MOST TURBULENT TIDE MUST EVENTUALLY COME TO REST.
WHILE THE SAVAGE AVENGERS WOULD COME TO DISCOVER...
...SOMETIMES A LEAP OF FAITH CAN BE REWARDED.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
WE'RE FINALLY BACK HOME!
AGAINST ALL ODDS, THESE TIME STRANDED HEROES HAD EMERGED FROM ULTRON'S APOCALYPSE...
NO--NOT ALL OF US, THOMPSON...
BUT THEIR HARD-WON VICTORY HAD COME AT A HEAVY PRICE.
MILES WAS DIRECTLY AT THE EPICENTER OF THE TEMPORAL SHOCKWAVE.
AFTER EVERYTHING HE'D LOST, HE ERASED HIMSELF TO SAVE THE UNIVERSE...

"WHEREVER HE IS NOW... I JUST HOPE HE KNOWS HIS SACRIFICE WASN'T IN VAIN."
IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE BATTLE, HER SENTIMENT WAS A COMFORTING ONE
FSSSSSHHHHH
IF SOMEWHAT PREMATURE
NNFF!
WHAT THE--? WHERE AM I?
FOR MILES MORALES NOW FOUND HIMSELF FAR BEYOND THE REACHES OF TIME AND SPACE...
AFTER CHRONICLING HIS ADVENTURES ACROSS MILLENNIA, PERHAPS THIS MOMENT WAS INEVITABLE...
THAT HE AND I WOULD FINALLY COME TO MEET.
MILES MORALES OF EARTH-807128...
MY NAME IS UATU... BUT YOU MAY CALL ME THE WATCHER.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- WHY DO YOU FEEL SO FAMILIAR?
SUCH IS THE NATURE OF MY SOLEMN VOW-- I MAY ONLY OBSERVE, NOT INTERFERE...

"YET EVEN YOUR PHYSICISTS KNOW THAT SOMETIMES, THE SIMPLE ACT OF OBSERVING MAY ALTER THE SUBJECT BEING WATCHED...
"...AND CAN CHANGE THE PATH OF THEIR TRAJECTORY IRREVOCABLY."
BUT THE JUMPS THROUGH TIME, THE RISE OF ULTRON-- IT WAS ALL MY FAULT...
YOU ARE A SINGULAR ENTITY, MILES MORALES-- CAPABLE OF HEROISM AND SACRIFICE BEYOND YOUR IMAGINATION.
I SAW LONG AGO THAT ONLY YOU COULD RESTORE TRUE BALANCE TO THE TIMESTREAM...
BUT WITH YOUR MISSION FINALLY COMPLETE...
...I REALIZE NOW THERE ARE OTHERS WHO NEED YOU MORE THAN I.
GO FORTH AND RETURN TO YOUR HOMEWORLD, SPIDER-MAN...
...AND MAY YOU ENJOY YOUR WELL-EARNED REWARD.

MEANWHILE, IN THE YEAR 2099...
NUEVA YORK WAS AT PEACE, UNAWARE OF THE CALAMITY THEY HAD SO NARROWLY AVOIDED
BUT FOR ONE LONE FIGURE, HIS MEMORIES STILL HAUNTED THE MOONLIT CEMETERY...
IT TOOK A LONG TIME FOR ME TO FIND YOU...
JACOB GALLOWS
...AS JAKE GALLOWS ENSURED ULTRON'S FUTURE WOULD NEVER COME TO PASS
BUT AFTER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED, I COULDN'T RISK ALCHEMAX OR STARK-FUJIKAWA BRINGING YOU ONLINE.
NO--THIS IS EXACTLY WHERE YOU BELONG, ULTRON...
WITH HIS ANCIENT ENEMY CONSIGNED TO THE DEPTHS OF HISTORY, THE PUNISHER STRODE INTO THE NIGHT WITH RENEWED CONVICTION
...DOWN WITH ALL OTHER DEAD MEN.
AFTER ALL, IN HIS CITY, JUSTICE WAS A LIFE SENTENCE.

STEPPING OUT INTO THE OPEN AIR, THE SAVAGE AVENGERS WONDERED WHAT LAY AHEAD.
SO...WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
BROUGHT TOGETHER BY CIRCUMSTANCE, THIS UNLIKELY GROUP OF LONERS, KILLERS AND BERSERKERS DID NOT FIND KINSHIP EASILY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BIG FELLA?
WE MADE IT HOME--DO WE GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS, NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN?
UH... GUYS?
THOOMM THOOMM THOOMM
NOW THEY ASKED THEMSELVES--WAS IT THEIR SHARED BLOOD-LUST THAT BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER?
THOOMM THOOMM THOOMM
OR THE DEMONS THEY FOUGHT SO DESPERATELY TO DENY?
YOU HUMANS HAVE DEFILED THIS WORLD LONG ENOUGH... NOW FACE THE JUDGMENT OF FIN FANG FOOM!
SPLSSSSH
BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THEY KNEW NOW THAT NONE OF THAT WAS IMPORTANT.
WHAT DO YOU SAY, CLAY--ONE LAST TIME?

BECAUSE THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERED WAS THAT THEY WERE NEEDED
AH, WHAT THE HELL--WE'RE AVENGERS NOW, RIGHT?
THEN LET'S PROVE IT!

They say you never get a second chance to make a good first impression, but if I've learned anything from writing SAVAGE AVENGERS, it's that the universe sometimes does offer you a second opportunity at bat… And when it happens, you'd better swing for the fences.

When Tom Brevoort first approached me about relaunching this title after Gerry Duggan's acclaimed run, I asked myself, what more could be said? What new ground could we possibly explore that hadn't been already mined by Marvel's most popular characters and creators?

And that's when it hit me SAVAGE AVENGERS has never been just about the action, the spectacle or the epic, time-traveling adventures. No, I think the reason fans have had such a connection to this book is because, at its core, SAVAGE AVENGERS has always been about finding second chances in the unlikeliest of places.

From the series' Bronze Age-infused first volume to the genre mash-ups of our relaunch, SAVAGE AVENGERS is a title that embraces the archaic, the overlooked and the unrealized, finding unexpected ways to polish cult classics to make them sparkle like new. With a roster of legacy heroes such as Daredevil, Anti-Venom, Black Knight, Weapon H, Cloak and Dagger and Miles Morales as Deathlok, this is a team composed of second chances, a found family of loners, killers and berserkers who could only embrace their potential by finding each other.

The idea of an unlikely team uniting to achieve greatness runs behind the scenes as well. From Leinil Francis Yu's sensational covers to Espen Grundetjern's dramatic colors to Travis Lanham's herculean efforts to keep my narration from spilling off the page, the success of SAVAGE AVENGERS has been nothing short of a miracle thanks to their prodigious talents.

In particular, I owe a great deal of gratitude to Tom Brevoort and C.B. Cebulski for offering me so much latitude for what's been truly a life-changing opportunity, as well as Annalise Bissa and Martin Biro for making this book run like a well-oiled machine. I also want to thank fellow Marvel creators Gerry Duggan, Jason Aaron, Chip Zdarsky, Donny Cates, Greg Pak, Si Spurrier, Dennis Hopeless and more for their caretaking of these characters, because without their efforts, this love letter to the Marvel Universe would not exist.

And I especially want to thank my artistic partner in crime, Carlos Magno, who marathoned every single issue of our run. It's rare to find someone who is as skilled, gracious and insanely fast as Carlos, and I couldn't have asked for a more talented collaborator to bring our story to life. You've been the heart of this book, and I cannot thank you enough.

Of course, relaunching a series like SAVAGE AVENGERS with an ever-evolving cast in a sprawling time-travel storyline is no small endeavor, but thanks to the endless support of our friends and family, as well as readers, retailers and reviewers, we were able to tell the Deathlok saga on our own terms, and to give our adventure the thrilling conclusion it deserves.

But like all good things, SAVAGE AVENGERS has finally come to an end. They say you never get a second chance to make a good first impression, but as a lifelong comics fan, I'd say they're mistaken. From Cap's Kooky Quartet to GIANT-SIZE X-MEN #1, the Marvel Universe has always been the story of not just second chances, but of generations of creators tirelessly swinging for the fences. And when I look back on the all-new, all-different SAVAGE AVENGERS, I can say this for sure this certainly feels like a home run to me.

Stay Savage,
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